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Ottawa's decision on PLO

Jerusalem says move is counterproductive

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Canadian ambassador James Bartleman was summoned to the Israeli foreign ministry on Sunday where he was told Canada's new policy towards the PLO was "counterproductive for peace."

Israel's deputy foreign minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed the government's "deep disappointment" in the new Canadian policy.

The policy shift to end the restrictions on top level contacts with the PLO was announced by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark last Thursday following consultations with the cabinet.

And in a move that stunned the Jewish community, Clark also proclaimed Canada's recognition of Palestinian "self determination."

The policy change came only two weeks after Prime Minister Brian Mulroney stated Canada was not contemplating upgrading contacts with the PLO.

Mainstream Jewish organizations quickly condemned the new policy. The Canada-Israel Committee, the Jewish community's designated lobbying group for Israel, called (Clark's move) "a deeply disturbing departure from Canada's traditional, constructive policy with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Canadian Jewish Congress President Dorothy Reitman, who was notified by Clark of the policy change about an hour before it was made public, said Canada appears to be prejudging the outcome of any peace settlement and joining "the herd" of Western countries supporting the PLO. She said she was disappointed Clark did not also call on PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to match deeds with words and end terrorism.

And B'nai B'rith Canada "deplored" the move as "counterproductive."

(One day after Clark's announcement, an Israeli patrol killed two members of the PLO-affiliated Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine attempting to infiltrate into Israel from Lebanon.)

In a departure from the views of mainstream Jewish groups, Canadian Friends of Peace Now said it "welcomes (Clark's) action." Noting the Israeli

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Brian Mulroney

Joe Clark

Speculation about broader autonomy

Shamir pledges new ideas

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir says he will be telling President Bush and U.S. administration officials this week "things I have not said before" regarding possibilities for peace in the Middle East.

In media interviews here connected with the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, the Prime Minister said he was "working on formulas" he hopes will achieve unanimous cabinet backing.

At a recent cabinet meeting, however, Shamir did not immediately respond to demands from some Labor ministers for a full-scale foreign policy debate before the Premier's important visit to Washington.

Shamir said he would think over this request.

Among the Laborites pressing for a debate were two who have announced their future candidates for the leadership of the party: Mordechai Gur, who holds no cabinet portfolio, and Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

Ya'acobi urged that the cabinet adopt a resolution before Shamir's trip accepting the principle of giving up land for peace. Shamir, who heads the rival Likud bloc, has vowed repeatedly not to give up "one inch" of the biblical lands of Judea and Samaria.

Media speculation here this week is focusing on how Shamir will revive the long-dormant autonomy proposal for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Commentators expect the Premier to suggest a broader and more generous scheme than that proposed by Israel when the autonomy talks with Egypt were suspended early in 1982.

One newspaper predicted that he will urge municipal elections in the territories, but not a referendum covering the entire area.

There are no signs of softening at all in the Premier's determination to continue to reject any notion of talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization — this despite U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's statements on U.S. television recently that such talks could not be ruled out.

The Prime Minister's visit to Washington, meanwhile, has sharply intensified the simmering turmoil within the Labor Party, still smarting from its defeats in the Feb. 28 municipal elections.

Given party leader Shimon Peres' weakened position at the helm of Labor, the widely held wisdom is that he must make a dramatic move upon Shamir's return if he is to shore up his standing within the party and among the Israeli public.

Peres has said he will

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Canadians praise solidarity meeting

TORONTO —

The Prime Minister's Conference on Jewish Solidarity with Israel was a tremendous success and a satisfying emotional experience, a number of Canadian participants said recently.

Reporting to the monthly meeting of the executive of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario Region, Mira Koschitzky said the conference showed the solidarity of world Jewry with the unity government of Israel, which represents 80% of the population.

Koschitzky, chairman of Congress's national executive, said both Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Shimon Peres ruled out negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, who they described as speaking only for Palestinians outside the territories.

They said, however, Israel would talk to representatives of the Palestinians in the territories.

Most striking for her, was witnessing Jewish leadership from around the world come to the support of Israel when requested. Canadian Jews from Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver were also present, though more could have come from Toronto, she added.

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Saul Koschitzky, who also attended the solidarity conference, said tough questions were asked of the Israelis present, including Chief of Staff Dan Shomron, head of the Israel Defence Forces.

The questions even dealt with specific instances reported by the Western media, such as why Israeli troops entered a particular Arab village.

They were told by Shomron that the village's image of tranquility was inaccurate — that it was a source of agitation and a resistance centre, Koschitzky said.

Koschitzky, who has held Congress posts in the past, said he was impressed with Shamir, who told the participants he "was willing to sacrifice anything for unity."

He agreed to a unity government because he was aware Israel faced tough times ahead. He was willing to give up important economic portfo-

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Meeting with Arafat

French policy is condemned

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The Prime Minister's Office has condemned the forthcoming meeting between French President Francois Mitterrand and PLO chief Yasser Arafat in unusually strong terms, accusing Mitterrand, in effect, of "endangering the security of Israel."

The meeting, to take place in France at a date yet to be fixed, was announced in Paris. Observers said the announcement was designed to scotch rumors of an imminent meeting between the two leaders at PLO headquarters in Tunis, Cairo or Algiers.

Mitterrand would become the first of the three Western leaders in the UN Security Council to meet with Arafat.

"We were surprised and upset to hear about the planned meeting between Yasser Arafat and the president of France," Avi Pazner, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's media advisor, said. "This is bad news for the peace process in the region. This meeting with a man whose aim is to establish a Palestinian state threatening the very existence of Israel contradicts various assurances given to Israel that France will refrain from any action endangering the security of Israel."

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said that Israel's "disappointment" stemmed from the fact that Mitterrand is considered "a friend of Israel," and he was, therefore, expected to refrain from personally undertaking such a "blatantly unfriendly act."

A foreign ministry official said, however, that Mitterrand's previous refusal to meet Arafat had created an "unsustainable discrepancy" in French foreign policy in light of France's overtly sympathetic policy towards Arafat and the PLO.

France's Jewish community is in an uproar over Arafat's forthcoming visit. It is planning a campaign of posters, newspaper advertisements and demonstrations to protest Mitterrand's plans to meet with Arafat.

Theo Klein, president of CRIF, the unbrella organization of Jewish groups in France, has asked Mitterrand for an audience.

Proposals would change CJC executive structure

TORONTO —

Proposals have been filed to amend the composition of Canadian Jewish Congress's national officers committee and its national executive committee, The CJN has learned.

The amendments, if carried, would see the total number of officers remain at 35 while representation from regions with small Jewish populations would be downsized. Toronto and Montreal would each gain an additional officer and the presidents of all major Jewish federations or community councils would, by virtue of their local positions, become national officers.

The result would be to "involve the federations much deeper" on the national officers' committee, said David Satok, the national vice president from Ontario who filed the proposals.

David Satok

The amendments, if carried, would "make Congress more democratic, more representative and more responsible," he said.

Satok, who is former chairman of the National Budgeting Conference, said his proposed amendments "have nothing to do with the Lithwick Report," which proposes changes to Congress's makeup.

He agreed, however, that both he and Lithwick call for greater participation of federations in Congress.

For a story on the Lithwick Report, see page 12.

Satok said he tabled the amendments to allow Congress to "adapt to changing times."

His proposals would see the Atlantic, Saskatchewan, Pacific, Manitoba and Alberta regions each lose one national officer.

Under current by laws, each has a chairman and a national vice president as officers — the same as centres with much higher

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"Homecoming" set for Habimah

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

After 58 years in its adoptive land, Habimah, Israel's national theatre, will return to its birth place. As part of a precedent-setting cultural exchange between Israel and the Soviet Union, Habimah will perform in Moscow next January. Two weeks later, Moscow's Taganka Theatre will reciprocate in Tel Aviv.

The agreement, which stipulates that each troupe will stage three separate productions, was signed last month in Tel Aviv by Taganka's general director, Nicolai Dupak, and his Habimah counterpart, Shmuel Omer.

Habimah's "homecoming" will mark the first performance of Israeli drama in the Soviet Union since the original Hebrew-language theatre's departure for Palestine in 1931.

Special holiday deadlines

Because of the Passover holidays, EDITORIAL deadlines for the next few editions will be advanced.

Deadline for both the April 19 (Passover) issue and the April 27 issue is Monday noon, April 10, in Toronto.

We cannot promise publication of any news items received after that date so please be sure to get your copy in early or you will miss out on these two editions.

ADVERTISING deadlines are: Tuesday, April 11 at noon for the April 19 issue and Tuesday, April 18 noon for the April 27 issue.

World-National

Maccabiah promises excitement

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Come July 3 this year, Jews from all over the world will assemble in Tel Aviv to celebrate a special bar mitzvah. It will be the 13th time that the international Jewish sports event, known as Maccabiah, will be held.

The first such games took place in 1932, the second in 1935 (which it was my good fortune to attend), and during the last 30-odd years they have been held every four years, one year after each Olympic Games.

Rabbi Plaut

"So, why do nice Jewish youngsters waste their time with sports when they could be studying Torah?" I heard it said when I was young, and I am told that this sentiment is still prevalent in some circles. The fact is that sport has a long history among our people.

A matter of definition first: the importance of moderate physical exercise (such as taking a walk) was never disputed, while "sport," that is *competitive* exercise, had a rocky history amongst us. The First Book of Maccabees mentions that some Palestinian Jews were so assimilated to Greek culture that they not only competed nude as was the custom, but had their circumcision "reversed" so that they might not at once be identified as Jews.

There were so many Jewish athletes in Alexandria that the Roman emperor Claudius moved to restrict their participation, and the rabbis criticized Jews who attended gladiatorial games which featured not only athletic prowess but also abounded in cruelty. The Sages juxtaposed "theatre and circus" to the Jewish ideal of "synagogue and school" and interpreted the opening verse in the Book of Psalms — "happy is the man . . . who does not sit in the company of leitsim" — to mean "in the company of those who attend such events."

Active sports present

But active sports were always present, and under King Herod a Jewish olympiad was held, with boxers, archers and other athletes in attendance. A talmudic teacher urged all parents to teach their children how to swim; Spanish Jews knew how to fence; and there were jousters on horseback who engaged in friendly combat as part of wedding fun.

Ball games were known, and one tradition says that the Temple was destroyed because they were played on Shabbat. And in the Shulchan Aruch there is a disagreement between Moses Isserles and Joseph Caro (the former representing the Ashkenazi and the latter the Sephardi tradition) over whether the ball game known as pelota could be played on Shabbat or Yom Tov.

Withal, thoughout most of Jewish history we were generally not given to physical exercise, leave alone contests. External circumstances and traditional attitudes combined to militate against them.

Not until the 1890s did this begin to change. In 1895 a Jewish sports club was organized in Constantinople, Turkey, and at the 2nd Zionist Congress a few years later Max Nordau urged the delegates to propagate the idea that "muscular Judaism" was a necessary correlate to the spiritual and intellectual. Ever since, it has become accepted that physical and mental activity need not exclude one another.

Jewish sports clubs began to spring up everywhere, and after World War I, the Maccabi World Union was established. In 1935 its headquarters were moved from Berlin to Eretz Israel, where they have been ever since.

Recently Maccabi Canada published a handsome, multi-colored book on the history of Canadian participation in the Maccabiah, with hundreds of photos from recent and past games. Ask your local Maccabi organization or Jewish Centre-YMHA/YWHA to obtain a copy for you. And meanwhile, if you are thinking "Israel in 1989" you might want to be there when, beginning on July 3, the 13th Maccabiah will open in Tel Aviv. Aside from its intrinsic merit it will serve as an exciting expression of Jewish peoplehood for our young and old alike.

Cheney seen as friend of Israel

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — A day after Jonathan Pollard was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to spying for Israel, then Republican Representative Richard Cheney of Wyoming and a few other members of the House intelligence committee received a high-level classified briefing from the Central Intelligence Agency.

Cheney, who has just become the new Secretary of Defence in the Bush administration, emerged from that closed-door session to tell reporters that he did not believe that Pollard was part of any unauthorized Israeli operation.

"I don't think it was a rogue operation," he said on March 5, 1987. "I think it was a major, very successful penetration of the U.S. government and our intelligence agencies by the Israeli government."

He said that such behavior "doesn't behoove an ally," adding: "I don't think we've heard the last of it."

Cheney, like other members of the House panel that day, had been informed of the exact kind of TOP SECRET information compromised by Pollard. The congressman was clearly angry.

"On the one hand," he said, "Israel pleads a special relationship with the United States, and on the other hand, they run a major intelligence operation against us. There isn't much they couldn't get if they asked for it but they chose not to do it that way, and I think the Israeli government ought to know that some of us are deeply concerned about that kind of conduct."

But Cheney, even in his deep anger and frustration, still insisted that the U.S. should not retaliate against Israel by cutting economic and military assistance. "It wouldn't be in our national interest to significantly reduce aid levels just because the Israelis made a dumb mistake," he said.

Since then, the new Defence secretary has continued to make clear that he still does have a positive appreciation of Israel's strategic connection to the United States. A political conservative, the 48-year-old Cheney values Israel's role in bolstering Western interests in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Cheney, in the mid-1970s while still in his early and mid-30s, served as the White House chief of staff under President Gerald Ford. He worked very closely in those days with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft. On foreign policy, Cheney deferred to them.

In recent years, he has become a major player on Capitol Hill. Clearly very intelligent and politically savvy, he worked his way up the ladder to become the House Republican whip in 1988 — following a unanimous vote among his Republican colleagues.

Israeli officials and American Jewish political activists in Washington have been scurrying since then in their efforts to size up Cheney. Will he prove to be a friend of Israel in the Pentagon?

Their assessments, based on his voting record during 10 years in Congress, are mixed. He has often voted in favor of the worldwide foreign aid packages (of which Israel is the largest individual recipient). Occasionally, he has found reason to oppose it.

On the sensitive matter of U.S. arms sales to Arab countries, including Jordan and Saudi Arabia, he almost always has voted in favor. And most observers here believe that he will almost certainly follow in the footsteps of his Pentagon predecessors in pushing for yet more large-scale weapons transfers to moderate Arab countries.

Weapons sale

Still, he is likely to find a way to work with his Israeli counterparts as well. The best guess here in Washington is that he will be more supportive of Israel than Caspar Weinberger — probably about as friendly as was Frank Carlucci during the final year of the Reagan administration.

Because he represented a very small state with only a handful of Jews, Cheney did not have to deliver many major addresses on Israel. "He hasn't thought about the subject too much," one Capitol Hill source said.

But Cheney did speak before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in 1984, a presidential election year in the United States. He underscored his commitment to "the growing importance of our shared strategic interests" with Israel.

"Both (political) parties are committed to those basic propositions," he said. "Republicans and Democratic presidents alike have repeatedly demonstrated their belief that the future prosperity, security and survival of Israel and the United States are inextricably interwoven.

"The determination of the United States to maintain and build on that historic relationship is not the subject of partisan debate. There is no Republican or Democratic position on the security of Israel — only an American position."

Cheney, in the speech, went on to urge the largely-Jewish audience to support a strong U.S. defence and a large Pentagon budget. "What's at stake," he said, "is the future commitment of the United States to maintain that (military) commitment — to be the strong, reliable and effective partner that future generations of Israelis can depend upon."

He has visited Israel and is fairly familiar with the issues of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Hardhearted approach needed to help children

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

Not long ago, in a London hotel room, I heard one of those very British television interviews with a "royal." This time it was Princess Anne talking about her role as president of the Save the Chidren charity.

In the middle of the hour, quite out of the blue, the princess and mother told her interviewer directly: "I wasn't particularly keen on children — and I'm still not. But you don't actually have to like children very much to be interested in giving them the best possible start in life."

At the time, I thought she sounded like a member of Monty Python doing Princess Anne. How British can you get? Even in England the only public officials who can admit to finding little ones less than enthralling are those who inherit their titles. I have never heard anyone in American politics say they didn't ardently love the little tykes.

Now I am wondering whether Princess Anne isn't onto something. We could use fewer professions of affection, photo opportunities of love, exhortations to care, and more hardheaded and hardhearted calculations about our interest "in giving them the best possible start in life."

I have been brought to a cynical state by the endless progression of data-filled, chart-ridden, thoroughly documented and gloomy reports on the state of children in America. Reports on nutrition, eduction, housing, drugs, child-care. They have landed on my desk one after another.

If you can remember only one figure from these studies, let it be this one: One out of every five children in America is poor. If you can remember two figures, add this one: Our infant mortality rate is higher than 17 other industrial nations. Or add yet another: On any given night, there are 100,000 children among the homeless.

We know about these problems. But since the end of the campaign, the man who was "haunted" by these visions has done little that you couldn't read on his lips. On Inaugural Day, George Bush said we have more will than wallet. In fact we have more wallet than will. In an emergency, the government can bail out the savings and loan associations, but we lack the will to bail out children — to make the investments in their future.

As Marian Wright Edelman, the indefatigable head of The Children's Defence Fund, says: "There is no sense of urgency. Nobody wants to make any decisions. The pressure is not going to come from Washington and the White House. It will only happen when people in the country say, 'This must stop.'"

Why hasn't that happened? Why isn't there an outcry to stop this vast national case of child neglect? Children were indeed a hot topic during the endless campaign. Was it the prospect of taxes that cooled the ardor?

The young, more than the rest of us, have inherited the Reagan legacy, financial and emotional. In the course of eight years, $40 billion was cut from programs for poor children and their families while the national debt doubled. Americans were taught not to look to the government for help. Now we are told the pockets are empty.

The emotional cycle follows the economic one. As the government pulls back from social service, middle-class taxpayers look more anxiously at their own bank balances. People who cannot count on help with education for their children or medical costs for their old age become more and more concerned about the need to take care of their own, and the definition of their own narrows. Read his lips.

The one idea put forward by the no-new-taxes administration is a tax credit for low-income families with pre-school children. It is mislabeled as a do-it-yourself, pay-for-your-own child-care assistance.

So it is time to be hardhearted. No more pictures of neo-natal clinics with the tiny babies of mothers who never got prenatal care or decent nutrition. No more television tours through the hapless welfare hotels and shelters where parents and children learn how not to be a family. No more stories about the funeral of a kid caught in a gun battle between drug dealers. No more appeals to moral sensibility or national pride.

Just the facts. Marian Edelman states them baldly. Look at these kids, she says. "Tomorrow they are going to be dependent on you, shooting at you, or working for you."

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Gives update to Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association

Leland seeks NB church unity in fighting hate

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Rev. Jim Leland recently opened a new front in his battle to combat racism and anti-semitism in New Brunswick.

The Florenceville United Church minister has written to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fredericton and to the city's Anglican diocese asking them to join with the United Church in examining the problem of prejudice and devising an ecumenical statement and course of action against it.

Leland said he hopes that through his action he has "planted a seed" and got the ball rolling against a provincial problem that has been exposed in past years.

No stranger to letter-writing, Leland has also been involved recently in written exchanges in the province's newspapers with some of the less enlightened residents of New Brunswick and has repeatedly come to the defence of the Jewish people, parrying anti-semitic canards carried in the local media.

And he has called for the prosecution of Malcolm Ross, the Moncton school teacher who has written a number of books and letters questioning the Holocaust and alleging an international Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity.

Leland was in Toronto last week for a church meeting and, as he has done on previous occasions, he accepted an invitation from members of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association to attend an informal reception on his behalf.

Leland updated the gathering, hosted by Fanny Pillersdorf, on developments in New Brunswick, including his own recent efforts to deny history writer David Irving a venue to expound on his views. Irving, who has authored several books on World War II and who testified on behalf of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel, claims Hitler was not involved in the destruction of the Jews of Europe.

Leland told The CJN that when he learned Irving was to speak at the Catholic Monsignor Boyd Centre, he wrote to the local bishop informing him of Irving and the New Brunswick Free Speech League as well as its leader, Terry LeBlanc, who sponsored his appearance.

The Centre's secretary who booked Irving's appearance was unaware of the author or of the Free Speech group's real agenda, Leland said. When told of their views, the event was cancelled.

LeBlanc's efforts to have Irving speak at the Catholic centre and sign his books at the University of New Brunswick were meant to give the author and the group added respectability and credibility, Leland suggested.

The Fredericton Inn, which could not cancel the contract to provide a venue, allowed Leland and others to place written materials and a photo display about the Holocaust in the hotel lobby.

And Leland traveled to the capital city to participate in the protest against Irving. If members of the Jewish community couldn't carry placards on Shabbat, he would do so on their behalf, he said.

Rev. Jim Leland

Leland also described the progress of the high school Holocaust curriculum being piloted in the province's schools this year, saying teachers who attended a November workshop reported favorably about the course.

Other developments in New Brunswick included his efforts, and those of other friends of the late Bernie Vigod, to establish a memorial lecture series in the name of the late B'nai B'rith human rights activist.

Leland said the group hopes to raise money to establish a yearly lecture by top-notch speakers on racism and inter-community relations.

In early May, Leland expects to travel to Summerside, PEI, to participate in a Holocaust memorial workshop and an ecumenical service including the town's small Jewish community and local Catholic and United Churches.

A Holocaust survivor, Herman Newman, is expected to attend to describe his wartime experiences. The Halifax resident recently spoke at two high schools in New Brunswick's Carleton County where he had the students enraptured with his descriptions of the Holocaust.

"You could have heard a pin drop — the kids were just in awe," Leland said.

One of the other developments in New Brunswick described by Leland is in the attitude of the local Jewish population. In the last 3-4 years, the community "seems more active."

Years ago, when the Ross affair first surfaced, they seemed more "timid — afraid of a backlash" if they raised their voices, Leland said.

But when they saw non-Jews, including individuals and members of churches, come out in opposition to Ross and label his writings anti-semitic, the small Jewish community "was encouraged" and became more active, he said.

They now don't fear that backlash, Leland added.

Edmonton magazine stirs Jewish protests

EDMONTON —

Following a number of complaints, Canada Safeway last week removed from its shelves a controversial magazine some have called "offensive" and anti-semitic.

The inaugural edition of the bi-monthly Edmonton Times drew criticism from the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada and the Edmonton Jewish Federation following publication of an article that focused on "Jewish financial backing of those organized persecutions against Christ."

A second article in the magazine described Jesus' body "in the same wounded, lacerated and disfigured state in which it was left by the cruelty of the Jews."

A spokesman for one of the magazine's advertisers, the Grey Nuns Sisters of Charity, told the Edmonton Journal "it is unlikely that we'll advertise in another issue." Sister Faye Wylie said "I'm concerned about the fact that some people feel discriminated against."

Canada Safeway spokesman Jim Waters said company officials in Edmonton apparently agreed to distribute the new magazine, which is free, without reading it first.

"It's something we should be more careful about...in the future," he told The Edmonton Journal.

B'nai B'rith said it was "outraged" at the article which attacked the supposed Jewish role behind the controversial film, the Last Temptation of Christ.

"The editors charge the Jewish community with ulterior motives in the production of a movie without commenting on the motivation of those with real artistic control, including the writers, director or the original material," said Debby Glaser, regional director of B'nai B'rith Canada — Northwest Region.

"The writer of the article is resurrecting age-old anti-semitic canards by accusing producers of being modern day supporters of deicide."

Herb Freedman, co-chairman of the Edmonton federation's joint community relations committee, said the "article is offensive to the Jewish community because (the author) describes the movie as the project of a Jewish studio owner, rather than the project of a number of individuals, most of whom are not Jewish and because he cites this movie in support of the suggestion that Jesus is once more under attack, thereby implying that Jews are the enemy of Jesus."

Edmonton Times co-publisher Ray Hoffbauer said he wrote the article which has stirred the protests. Hoffbauer, who says his family converted from Judaism to Catholicism, said he never intended to offend the Jewish community. His remarks were aimed at Universal Studios, he added.

Last summer, some fundamentalist Christian groups staged protests against Lew Wasserman, chairman of MCA, which owns Universal Studios which produced the film, while ignoring the Greek Orthodox novelist who wrote the story and the Roman Catholic director of the film.

Referring also to the film, Jesus Christ Superstar, Hoffbauer claims the 1973 rock musical directed by Norman Jewison (who is not Jewish) "used almost the same slanders and blasphemies...What a coincidence that Universal Studios is involved in the financing, promotion and distribution of both works?"

The article also claims that "The modern pharisees of Hollywood still fling the same accusations and filth at Christ today as their counterparts did 2,000 years ago. They have to turn to fiction to enslave their audience because the truth would set the world free."

Hoffbauer, who works in the circulation department of Alberta Report Magazine, said that although the first edition of his magazine focuses on religious themes, it is not a religious publication.

— P.L.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the first Canadian-born Jewish spiritual leader in North America?
2. Who is regarded as the "founding father" of Canadian Jewry?
3. Who was the first Jew born in Canada?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Rabbi Mendola De Sola, born in Montreal in 1853 and became rabbi of Shearith Israel.
2. Aaron Hart who arrived from New York with British troops in September 1760.
3. David David, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus David in 1764 in Montreal.

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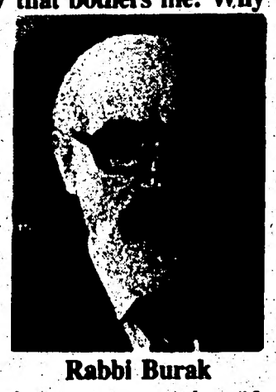
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: I read an ad for a Passover cruise, offering all the trimmings, Seders, with rabbi and cantor, and strictly kosher food. Can this be truly kosher? I'm not questioning the kashruth of the food; it's all that travelling on Shabbas and Yom Tov that bothers me. Why is travel permitted on the high seas on those holy days? — Hyman Orfus, Toronto.



Rabbi Burak

ANSWER: The Talmud, in Tractate Shabbas, 19a, gives the following rule on travel aboard ship on the Sabbath: "One may not set out in a ship less than three days before the Sabbath. This was said only (if it is) for a voluntary purpose, but (if) for a mitzvah, it is permissible. However, he must stipulate that the shipmaster stop for Shabbas — though afterwards the master does not stop. So said Rabbi (Judah the Nassi)." Before Yom Tov, it's one day.

In the Responsa of the Rambam (Alfred Freimann, ed.) number 67, the Rambam was told of a group that prohibited such travel aboard ship on the Sabbath, and was asked for a ruling. He replied that it is permitted. This ruling is codified in the Shulchan 'Aruch, Laws of the Sabbath, Chapter 248:1.

The Mishneh Berurah, in his gloss on this paragraph in the law, note 4, states that the same rule applies to Yom Tov, and one is not permitted to go aboard ship a day before Yom Tov, unless it be for a mitzvah.

Well, then, if these poor people have no other way of getting their Seder meal and saying the Haggadah, they are going aboard ship for a mitzvah. That makes it kosher for them to board the ship erev Yom Tov. But, read on, as there are some other problems to consider.

Three days

Why do the sages want us to board ship three days before the Sabbath? And remember, that a number of authorities hold that the boarding should be three whole days before Shabbas. The answer is given in paragraph 2 of the chapter already cited: "The reason why one should not set out by ship less than three days before Shabbas (or Yom Tov) has to do with the law of Oneg Shabbas."

You are to enjoy Shabbas and Yom Tov. But, "for the first three days at sea people suffer and are disturbed." The Rambam, in his responsum, adds the words: "and they vomit." If that is so, for all that you are boarding ship erev Yom Tov for the sake of the mitzvah, you may start vomiting, and have very little mitzvah.

From an halachic standpoint, we must stop to consider how great is the difference between our ships, and the ships in the days of the Talmud. If, for example, the Talmudic sages are speaking about a sailing ship, one can understand why it was permitted. The wind was the power source. There's no problem using that. Techumim was the issue.

But, when you are using steam to supply the power, and you are burning coal, or oil, or diesel fuel, that's another matter. Well, the question is discussed in the Responsa of the Mahari Aszad, O.H. number 58. The sage wonders whether more power is needed per person. His conclusion is that once the ship is moving in the water, you don't add fuel per person. "The same candle shines for one, or for 100."

A locomotive is different, according to this reponsum. You need more steam per person. However, on a Passover cruise, the problem remains. If the Jewish passengers constitute the largest unit aboard ship, i.e. the majority, then all that fire and steam is being made for them.

One doesn't use an elevator on Saturday, if the operator is doing it for us.

Mykhoels Centre reopens

Soviets renovate cultural building

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Barely a month since its historic opening, Moscow's Jewish cultural centre was recently reported closed by visitors to the Soviet Union.

However, as The CJN went to press an official for World Jewish Congress said the Solomon Mykhoels Jewish Cultural Centre had reopened after undergoing a planned 2-week renovation.

"It was never closed other than the planned renovations that were to take place following the opening ceremony in Moscow," Elan Steinberg, WJC executive director, said in a telephone interview from New York.

"We knew about it and this was part of the understanding when we arrived there."

When British Soviet Jewry activists recently peered through windows of the centre, they found that exhibits had been removed from the walls, said a news release from the English branch of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, Group of 35.

The doors were firmly bolted and Mikhail Gluz, the centre's director, had reportedly "fled" to Leningrad to run his theatre there "incognito," the group claimed.

Rose Wolfe, of Toronto, a national officer of Canadian Jewish Congress, also confirmed that the centre was not open.

Wolfe, who is also a CJC Ontario Region officer and joint community relations committee chairman, recently returned to Toronto after spending nine days in the Soviet Union. She accompanied her husband, Ray, who was part of a group of businessmen who held meetings with high-ranking Soviet officials in Moscow and Leningrad.

Wolfe said she called the cultural centre every day and initially got no answer. On the fourth day, a man answered, but he spoke only Russian.

When she finally got someone to interpret, the man told her the centre would open at 11 a.m. But later, when she called back to confirm, he said it would not be open after all and would remain closed for the rest of the week.

"This is exactly what the Refuseniks in Moscow and Leningrad confirmed," Wolfe said of the closure.

They said the centre had only held two concerts following its well-publicized opening before shutting its doors.

The WJC's Steinberg said the turn-of-the-century building was closed during part of March while workers renovated its physical plant and installed a library.

Parts of the building could again be closed in the future for further renovations, he said. Planned changes include the installation of an audio-visual centre.

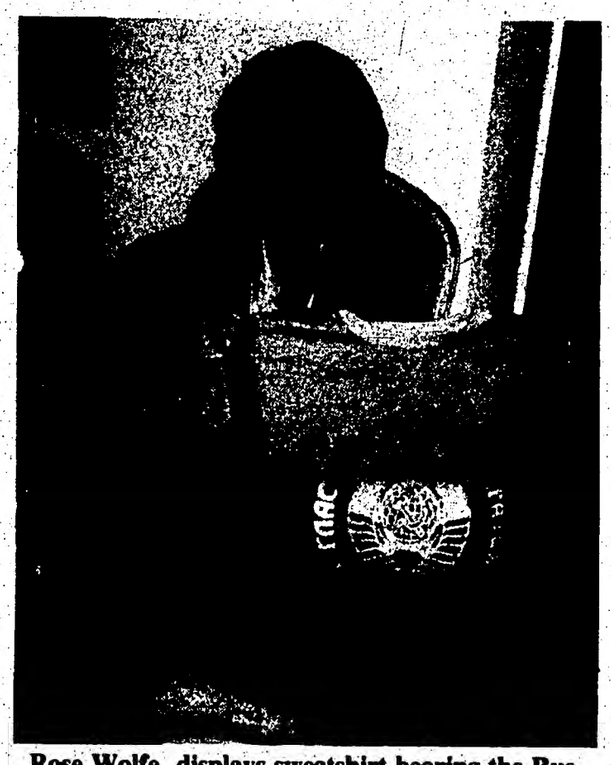
"So far we're still dealing with the Soviet Union," Steinberg assured.

"Nothing out of the ordinary is happening there. We're dealing with everything on schedule."

No comment was available from the Soviet government on the matter. As The CJN went to press, Moscow officials still hadn't replied to a telex sent by the USSR embassy in Ottawa, requesting information on the centre's closure.

Meanwhile, Wolfe, whose husband is chairman of The CJN's board of directors, said during her trip to the Soviet Union she wanted to find out what effect Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new policies of perestroika and glasnost has had on the struggle of Soviet Jews. It was her and her husband's first trip there.

She said she learned from Refuseniks that there had been no great change in their efforts to emigrate, although they were now freer to hold meetings.



Rose Wolfe displays sweatshirt bearing the Russian words "glasnost," "perestroika" and "demokratsia." The shirt is a popular tourist item at kiosks in the Soviet Union.

Most felt Glasnost, perestroika and demokratsia were simply part of a Soviet public relations campaign geared to making the West believe there were improvements in the USSR.

In Moscow, Wolfe visited members of Jewish Women Against Refusal who were staging a hunger strike at the home of leading Refusenik Inna Ioffe Uspensky. The 3-day fast was held in conjunction with International Women's Day.

Most of the JEWAR members had been denied exit visas because they allegedly possessed state secrets or because they were part of a "poor relatives" group in which immediate relatives, such as their parents or former spouses, had refused to sign waivers releasing would-be emigres of financial obligations. Without such waivers Soviet citizens cannot apply to emigrate.

One woman, a physician with four children, had been told her family couldn't leave unless someone was willing to pay $100,000 to the institute where her son, a genetic engineer, had graduated.

"The whole atmosphere is one of such despair and such hopelessness," Wolfe said.

Inna, along with JEWAR member Judith Lurie, urged the West to put pressure on Soviets to carry out a recent pledge to improve human rights for those in the "poor relatives" group, Wolfe said.

The pledge was made during a recent follow-up meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Vienna.

During her visit to the USSR, Wolfe also met with Vernon Turner, Canadian ambassador to the Soviet Union, and Leningrad Refuseniks Semion Akselrod and Shimon Frumkin.

Akselrod and Frumkin said the nationalistic Pamyat group was very active in their city and its members had recently been involved in some "nasty" incidents.

In one case, a concert organized by a Jewish music group was broken up before it could start. On another occasion, Pamyat members waited outside a hall, beating up two Jewish musicians and grabbing others as they tried to enter.

The police stood by for about 10 minutes before taking action, the Refuseniks told Wolfe.

IDF faces budget woes

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The Israel Defence Force has accumulated a deficit of 580 million shekels (nearly $330 million) as a result of expenses related to controlling the Palestinian uprising in the territories, according to the Israeli daily newspaper Ha'aretz.

Quoting senior military sources, the paper reports that a considerable percentage of the funds earmarked for developing alternatives to the costly Lavi fighter plane are being used to cover day-to-day expenses.

The IDF will discuss the budgetary problems in a long-range plan to be presented to defence minister Yitzhak Rabin in early April, the paper said.

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Seeks independence from Orthodox predominance

Conservative movement to build own mikvahs

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Conservative rabbis have announced they will build their own mikvahs, encourage more of their colleagues to specialize in Jewish divorce law and train more physicians to qualify as mohelim to fill needs that are overwhelmingly being served by Orthodox rabbis and institutions.

The Conservative movement also announced establishment of its own Beth Din to rule on divorce matters.

The Rabbinical Assembly, the umbrella body of Conservative rabbis, announced the moves at its 89th convention, held recently at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here. The assembly represents 1,300 Conservative rabbis internationally, serving 2 million congregational members.

The moves are intended to counter what the rabbis charge is an unwillingness on the part of Orthodox rabbis to share religious facilities and services with their Conservative counterparts.

"These moves are prompted by an aggressive and militant separatist Orthodoxy, increasingly dominated by extremists putting pressure on moderates to deny full equality to Conservative rabbis in their capacity as supervisors and those carrying out ritual life-cycle events," explained Rabbi Albert Lewis of Cherry Hill, NJ.

The problem, he said, started about 10 years ago in such communities as Los Angeles and Detroit. And it has grown ever since.

"I'm not happy over the fact that we can't have the kind of working relationship that we once had," said Lewis, who is president of the Assembly.

He added, however, that there are "still many communities where modern Orthodox spiritual leaders offer their full cooperation for these life-cycle religious functions."

Lewis said that mikvahs built by communities to serve all streams of Judaism have gradually become appropriated by Orthodox groups that resist allowing the non-Orthodox to use them.

This has occurred, said Lewis, despite the fact that both Orthodox and Conservative Judaism strictly require ritual immersion for both men and women undergoing conversion to Judaism.

Lewis said mikvahs would be built by local synagogues, the Assembly and the United Synagogue of America, the Conservative movement's congregational body.

The need for specialists in Jewish divorce has increased as age has begun to deplete the number of Conservative rabbis who know the minutiae of divorce law, Lewis said.

Kotel attack ires U.S. Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) — An attack recently by ultra-Orthodox men on a women's prayer group at the Western Wall in Jerusalem has angered some American Jewish groups and convinced them of the need to promote religious pluralism in Israel.

The American Jewish Congress Commission for Women's Equality issued a statement last week calling on Israeli authorities to "protect the rights of women who seek to pray at the Western Wall and to uphold fundamental principles of equality and religious freedom."

The statement was issued by Judith Stern Peck and Bella Abzug, cochairs of the commission's advisory committee, on behalf of "AJCongress and its international network of Jewish feminists."

Ira Silverman, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said in a statement that his organization "condemns unequivocally the violent and unwarranted attack."

He said the incident "underscores the ongoing need to promote a strong measure of religious respect from the ultra-right."

"Let us maintain our respect for one another and refuse to allow differences of opinion over points of Jewish law from becoming acts of religious bigotry," said Silverman.

Mark Gold, president of Americans for Progressive Israel, called the incident "evidence of an escalation and intensification of religious coercion and the lengths to which the ultra-Orthodox will go to impose their views and practices on others."

The incident occurred on March 30 when ultra-Orthodox men tried to prevent some 60 women from holding a prayer service at the Western Wall. Police lobbed tear gas to disperse the protesters, who had begun to hurl metal chairs at the women, injuring some of them.

Although accounts of the incident vary, the women were said to have eschewed the carrying of a Torah or the donning of prayer shawls, at the request of Rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, the religious affairs ministry official in charge of the Wall. The ultra-Orthodox consider both acts to be defilement when performed by women.

Hungary to renew ties "within three months"

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Diplomatic ties between Hungary and Israel will resume "within three months," says the man who broke them 22 years ago.

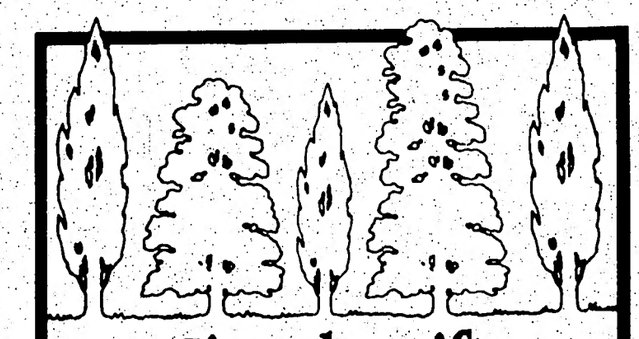
Former Hungarian Prime Minister Jeno Fock predicted that despite conflicting reports, Hungary will be the first East European country to renew full diplomatic relations. Poland and Bulgaria, and not much later also Czechoslovakia, are likely to follow.

"The Soviets will follow sooner or later as well," he added.

Fock admitted it has been a mistake to presume that by severing relations in 1967, the Soviet bloc could unify the Arab world or influence Israel to make concessions. He was Hungary's prime minister from 1967 to 1975, when he resigned in protest against Soviet pressure to stop economic reforms which he had introduced.

The former premier was part of a 3-man Hungarian delegation which arrived last week as guests of the Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel. They toured the Technion, in Haifa, and looked at hi-tech developments.

He believes that there could be future cooperation between Israel and Hungary in this field.



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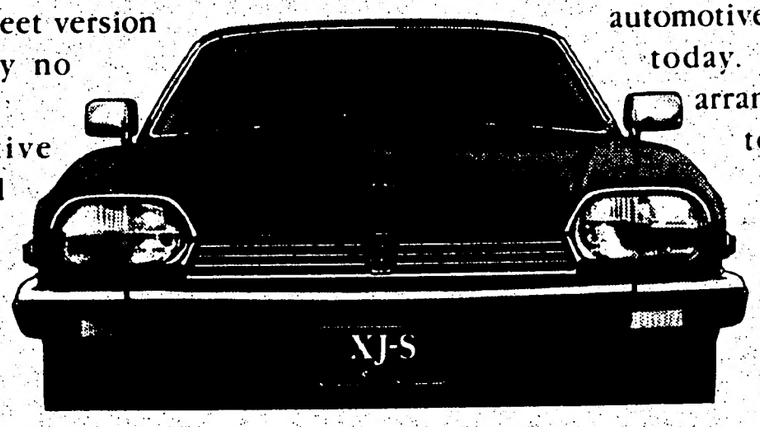

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Holocaust set in motion 50 years ago

Voices recalls survivors' horrors

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Thirty thousand Holocaust survivors came to this country after the blackest period in Jewish history, ragged remnants of the Final Solution that wiped out two-thirds of European Jewry.

The dehumanization they endured at the hands of the Nazis defies conventional experience and understanding. And needless to say, their experiences are beyond the comprehension of most Canadians, as narrator Stephen Lewis observes in *Voices of Survival*, to be broadcast on TVOntario Monday, April 10 at 10 p.m.

Voices of Survival, **which will be shown throughout Canada later this year, is a poignant, albeit horrific, 55-minute documentary focusing on seven survivors living in cities from Halifax to Vancouver. Written, directed and produced by Alan Handel in association with the Canadian Jewish Congress, TVOntario and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, it is supplemented by film clips of concentration camps, Hitler's Germany and former Jewish centres such as Warsaw and Vilna.**

That *Voices of Survival* should be televised now is appropriate. Fifty years ago come September, Germany invaded Poland, setting into motion a series of events that culminated in the Holocaust.

This catastrophe should not — and cannot — be forgotten. The survivors who appear in *Voices of Survival* **rightly fear that a whole generation is growing up "without knowing or comprehending" what really transpired. And that is why, as Lewis points out, they are "driven" to tell their respective stories.**

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Philip Riteman, born in Poland, is a travelling salesman who lives just outside Halifax. He recalls the subtle and blatant anti-semitism of the teachers and students at his school; the roundups and shootings that followed; the ravenous Jews who fell upon rotting horses and were shot in cold blood by their German guards.

In the camp where he languished, a simple tin bowl "was everything." He ate from it; he used it to perform body functions. He helped build a crematorium without even being aware of it. Riteman, justly, is emotional as he describes the horrors inflicted on him.

Murray Kenig of Richmond, BC, can't get the sweet, sickly stench of burning human flesh out of his nostrils. He had to appear vigorous, else he'd be "selected" for extermination. Exhaustion was his constant companion. On a forced march at night, he fell asleep, only to awake in the morning!

He asks: Where was God when the supposedly Chosen People were being slaughtered? More to the point, where was mankind?

Paul Kagan of Edmonton puts the disaster into perspective when he says that on one teeming street in Vilna there were more Jews than in all of Edmonton today. "Even the stones were Yiddish." And the Jews had their pick of six Yiddish dailies to read.

Starvation and sickness reigned in the Vilna ghetto. Life, he remembers, was an "endless search for food."

Vera Eden, a native of Prague who lives in Montreal, describes Auschwitz as "the most terrifying thing I'll ever see in my life, I hope."

Skeletal inmates, in striped gray uniforms, stood behind a barbed wire fence, "complete emptiness in their eyes." There was a sense of foreboding. "You knew something terrible would happen but you didn't know what." She'll never forget the roll calls, during which everyone had to stand at attention for hours.

Faye Schulman of Toronto grew up in a town on the Russian-Polish border. She talks about the random killings of Jews by the *Einsatzgruppen*. Schulman survived because the Germans needed a photographer. She displays a stark, chilling picture of murdered Jews lying askew in a pit. She developed two copies of the print: one for herself and one for her Nazi masters.

Shulman joined a group of Russian partisans who were unaware of her Jewish background. Once, two of them poured out their venomous hatred of Jews. The enemy was everywhere.

Ironically, Schulman's "worst moment" was after the war. Having lost her family in the Holocaust, she thought she had nothing to "look forward to," and "didn't know where to turn."

Kenny Ertle of Toronto, a survivor of Birkenau, can see in his mind's eye Josef Mengele, the Angel of Death, deciding whether a Jew would live as a slave for an undeterminate time, or die within minutes or hours in a gas chamber.

Tears well up in his eyes. The memories are still too fresh.

Vera Slymovics of Vancouver is composed and seemingly serene. But she, too, has been traumatized. To this day, she can't bear watching films with trains.

Trains, you see, remind of her of the "death trains" that carried countless Jews to their final destination.

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Canada offered them a haven. But the government waited three years until it let them in ... the same government that permitted a piddling 5,000 Jews to immigrate to these shores from the 1930s to the end of the war.

The survivors built new lives in this country, but they will never forget the past. And now, as Lewis says, they want the world to "know."

Only a person who is blind and deaf wouldn't "know" after *Voices of Survival*.

Soviets shot down Israeli jets

Combat role is confirmed

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Fresh official evidence from Moscow confirms Egypt's use of Soviet military forces in combat positions during the War of Attrition between Egypt and Israel that followed the Six Day War of June 1967.

Soviet authorities admitted at the time that it had military advisors in Egypt, but Israelis reported that Soviet pilots flew in combat operations and Soviet ground forces operated artillery batteries against Israel.

Now two Soviet officers who served with the Egyptians have publicly asked for recognition and the same benefits as Soviet soldiers who served in Afghanistan.

The Red Army Daily has reported former Soviet officers Konstantin Popov and Boris Jayivoronok have said in an interview that they went to Egypt with Soviet troops in early 1970 and were put in charge of anti-aircraft defence units for 12 months on the Suez Canal, an Agence France-Presse despatch from Moscow in The Washington Times said.

The despatch reported the former officers saying that they shot down Israeli Phantom fighter jets and also suffered heavy losses themselves.

Soviet troops in Egypt were not allowed to inform their families where they were when they wrote home, Popov noted, but "sent postcards with pictures of the pyramids." Popov and Jayivornok said they received an official decoration on their return to the Soviet Union but were told to forget their service in Egypt.

"All the soldiers and sergeants from the (Suez) Canal were demobilized without any mention on their military records," Popov was quoted. "Some were even asked to give accounts of the missing nine to 12 months as they were considered deserters, and no help was given to invalids."

Israeli flyers first surmised that Soviet aviators were in the planes confronting them because the pilots who parachuted out of aircraft after they were hit by the Israelis had blonde hair.

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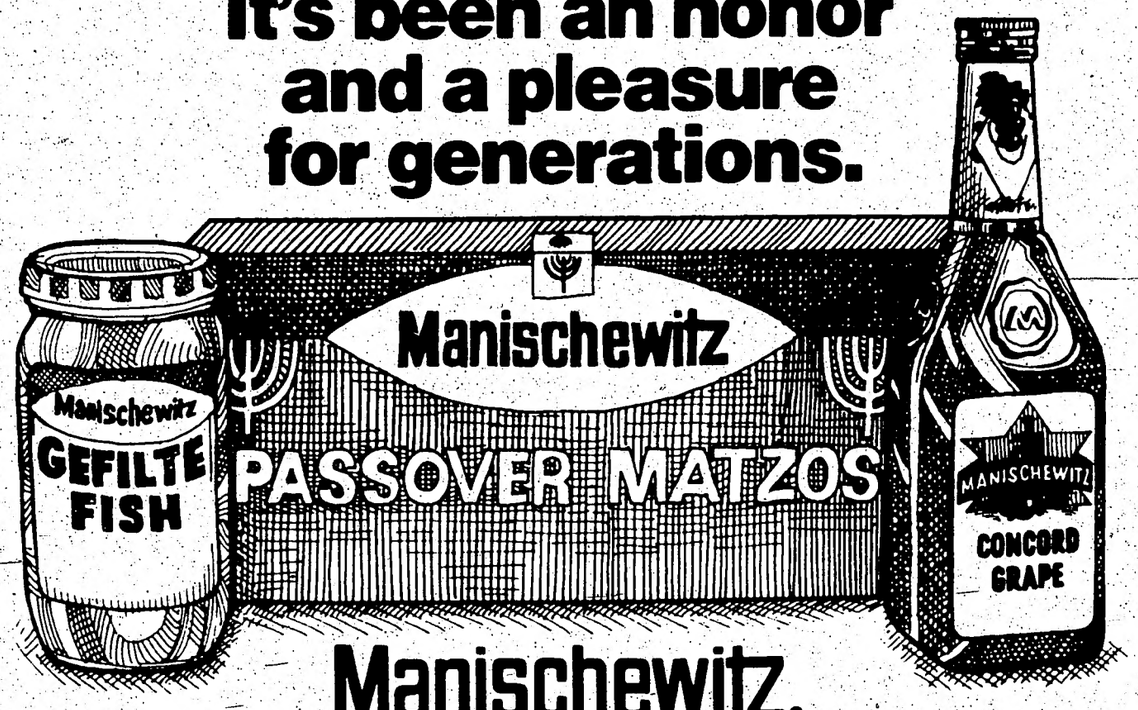

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Youth Aliyah founder Recha Freier died April 2, 1984. She was instrumental in saving thousands of Jewish lives from the Holocaust.

Freier was born Recha Schweitzer in Norden, Germany, in 1892. Influenced by the country's *Wanderfogel* movement that she as a Jew was not accepted in, Freier took up the study of folklore as scholar and teacher. The mystical romantic movement, dedicated to a mythical bird, was a back-to-nature reaction to industrialization, in which thousands of Teutonic hippies sought self-fulfilment and meaning through forest trekking and poetry.

Its adherents considered Jews confused intellectuals and cosmopolitans, whose souls differed substantially from their own pure and simple German souls. A Jewish version gradually developed, the Blue-White movement, which also incorporated elements of Scouting and Zionism.

The reality of rising anti-semitism first forced itself on the ardent folklorist in 1932, when she encountered a group of young Jewish men and women dismissed from their jobs because of Nazi pressure. The realization that the Jews' longtime contributions to Germany in the arts, literature, science, economics, and diplomacy were being disparaged struck her "with the utter senselessness of Jewish life in the Diaspora," she wrote. Jews could find fulfilment and ease from their own wanderings only in the Promised Land, she concluded. Freier decided to facilitate the movement of young Jews to Palestine.

German Jewish organizations looked askance at her plans. Freier contacted Henrietta Szold, president of Hadassah and director of the Palestine community's social service bureau. The latter's initial bureaucratic insistence on guarantees and emigration certificates for the children drove Freier to raise funds herself. Among other things, she persuaded her best friend to pawn her jewelry to help finance the children's transfer. The first group settled in Ben Shemen.

Hitler's ascent to power and his ever intensifying anti-semitic edicts convinced Szold of the peril facing German's Jews. She directed Hadassah's resources to Freier's efforts. Youth Aliyah, as the project was called, managed to bring thousands of youngsters to Palestine by the time Hitler launched World War II. Freier's husband, a Berlin rabbi, was forced out of Germany by the Gestapo in 1939. She stayed on with her efforts as long as she could, finally leaving in 1940. Making her way via Yugoslavia, she managed to take a group of 90 Viennese children with her. By May 1948, Youth Aliyah was able to transfer, absorb, and educate some 29,000 pre- and post-war young Jewish refugees in the Holy Land. Youth Aliyah continued to place thousands more from Asia, North Africa, the Balkans, and Europe, and, more recently, from Iran and Ethiopia.

In Israel, Freier became head of an agricultural training centre for youth. She later launched a fund for Israeli composers, and published several volumes of prose and poetry. Fifteen of her poems were set to music by German composers. In 1975, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University. She received the Israel Prize in May, 1981. Her own four children survived her: two physicians, a leading Israeli educator, and a Weizmann Institute scientist.

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INPARSHAL WORDS: n'cave'a

The Torah contains many words echoed in English. In this week's parsha Tazria, *n'cave a* — whose meanings include hollow, cavity, and depression — suggests cave and related words like cavity and cavern.

The n sound is a weak consonant prone to disappear within and between languages. The Concise Oxford Dictionary takes cave back to the Latin cavus, hollow. This adjective is derived from the Latin verb *cavo cavare*, to excavate or hollow out. The Latin noun *cavea* means cavity or hollow; *caverna* is cavern, cave, grotto, or vault. In modern Spanish, cave is *cueva*.

The biblical and modern Hebrew word for cave is *m'arra*, and its Aramaic counterpart is *m'arta*. The first a sound in each word represents the Hebrew letter *eye 'n*, a consonant actually making the sound of a hard g, only more gutteral. M'arta would actually be pronounced something like m'garta. Like n, the m sound also drops off sometimes. The Italian, French, German and Portuguese for cave are, respectively, grotta, grotte, grotte, and gruta.

In his *Etymological Dictionary of the Hebrew Language*, Ernest Klein suggests that the Greek word for pits, megaron, comes from the semitic, from the Hebrew m'garta.

Plan to remain at convent

Nuns hold ground at Auschwitz

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two delegations who visited the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz recently saw a newly erected 20-foot cross there and say it appears that the nuns are not planning to leave, despite assurances from Catholic officials to the contrary.

A French-Belgian delegation, that included a Catholic priest was stopped from entering the convent and a petition from the group asking the nuns to leave was rejected.

The 10 or so nuns living in the convent have not moved, despite an agreement signed by Catholic officials in Geneva two years ago that pledged the convent would be relocated by Feb. 22, 1989.

The failure to make good on that promise has soured Catholic-Jewish relations worldwide. The presence of the convent on the site where more than 2 million Jews were murdered is deeply offensive to Jews, especially Holocaust survivors.

But it has also angered many Christians. A Belgian priest, Abbe Bernard, accompanied two officials of the French section of the World Jewish Congress on a visit to the convent last week.

They brought with them a petition, signed by 800 Belgian Catholics, asking for the removal of the convent from the Auschwitz site.

"The nuns rejected the petition, and after 15 minutes of discussion refused the delegation to enter the convent," the group reported to WJC headquarters here.

The group also said that the convent building has been "totally reconstructed" and that a recently established, 23-foot-high Christian cross "symbolizes that the place belongs to the Catholics."

Similar findings were reported by a B'nai B'rith Canada delegation that recently returned from Poland (CJN March 30).

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada, who led the group of 16, described the new crucifix as "a massive cross, just towering alongside the convent.

"Since we had some survivors in our mission, it was very difficult for them to understand and to witness this," he said in a telephone call from Jerusalem.

Polish national airline begins flights to Israel

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Lot, Poland's national airline, inaugurated its renewed service to Israel last week. Poland's senior diplomat here, Stefan Kwiatkwski said the service will be a step towards renewing full diplomatic relations.

Transport Minister Moshe Katsav and the head of Poland's Aviation Administration, Jozef Sobieraj concluded the arrangements by which Lot and El Al will operate one flight a week each.

El Al will fly to Poland on Tuesdays while Lot's Tupolev 154s will ply the route on Thursdays.

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New Ottawa policy is no surprise

The upgrading of relations by Canada with the PLO is no surprise.

The big tipoff came when Prime Minister Brian Mulroney declined an invitation to address the Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJN March 16). It seemed strange that the PM would turn down the opportunity to address such a large assembly of Jewish voters, but it was obvious by his refusal that he had concerns — and these concerns were that if Joe Clark made it official to upgrade relations with the PLO before the Plenary, then he, Mulroney, would be an unwelcome guest as far as CJN delegates were concerned and would likely get the same treatment Clark got in Ottawa last March at a Canada-Israel Committee assembly when Clark spoke out against Israel's approach to the intifada. It will be recalled that Clark was greeted with catcalls and a large number of members of the audience walked out on him. It is well known that Mulroney is not as thick-skinned as Clark and can't take such rebuffs easily.

So stories in recent weeks that Clark wanted to upgrade contacts with the PLO, while Mulroney played the role of a knight in shining armor and saying not yet, were all merely foreplay. The die was cast when former President Ronald Reagan changed the U.S. relationship with Yasser Arafat last December and Mulroney, who marches to the beat of the U.S., probably then decided that Canada would follow suit. But the decision was made to let Clark be the fall guy because, after all, he had nothing to lose in his relationship with the Jews. And, of course, Clark IS our external affairs minister, so it's presumed he is supposed to be an expert in such matters.

Another benefit to the federal government in this instance is that it will divert, for a time, the attention the media have been focusing on the budget — which Mulroney admits will be a tough one. The PLO business will give MPs something to fight about when they reconvene this week and that, plus the mess in the department of transport regarding Via Rail and safety in the air, will keep Michael Wilson's budget out of sight until he actually presents it.

So we have a case of our government leaders playing politics on the backs of the Israelis. A sad commentary on the political situation in Canada.

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The PLO mess is a strong signal to our national Jewish organizations to get their act together. The CIC has been advertising for a new executive director, so obviously something is amiss there; the CJC is in the throes of a restructuring (see stories elsewhere in this issue), and the B'nai B'rith is busy taking delegations to Poland. So who is minding the store in Ottawa — where all the action should be taking place? Why don't the CJC and BB have stronger representation in Ottawa to back up the efforts of the CIC?

The sky isn't going to fall because Canada has upgraded relations with the PLO, and even if Mulroney or Clark meet with Arafat, it will be no great deal because THEY aren't going to solve the Middle East problems. **Only Israel can decide how and when it will make peace with the Arabs.** The public relations coup by the PLO on getting Canada on board doesn't amount to a row of beans. It's disconcerting for the Jews of Canada — but no great tragedy.

Meanwhile, though, Canadian Jews who support Israel's current stand on peace negotiations — and we believe most of us do — must give up our little empires and work together for the common good. Let's not give the politicians more reasons to ignore us.

Polish-Jewish army officers listed among 4,443 victims of Katyn

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

In 1943, in the Katyn forest, near the Soviet city of Smolensk, German troops uncovered a mass grave containing the bodies of 4,443 men who had been officers in the Polish Army.

The Germans said the Soviets had murdered them. Soviet leader Joseph Stalin denied the accusation, claiming the Germans had been responsible for the crime.

So began one of the most contentious controversies of World War II.

The conventional wisdom is that the Soviet secret police, the NKVD, murdered the officers. The evidence implicated the Soviet Union, and although it was taken for granted in Poland that Stalin had ordered the killings, the Polish government maintained a discreet, deafening silence.

Last month, however, Poland broke with the past and pointed an accusing finger at the Soviet Union. In an extraordinary press conference in Warsaw, chief government spokesman, Jerzy Urban, a Jew, declared: "We believe that everything indicates the crime was committed by the Stalinist NKVD."

Within days of this bombshell, an American researcher who is writing a book about Poland reported that at least 262 Jewish officers were among the 4,443 corpses that had been exhumed in Katyn.

Harvey Sarner told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Jewish victims had been identified by documents and dogtags found on the bodies.

The victims included a colonel, two majors and 173 lieutenants and sublieutenants. In civilian life many had been professionals — doctors, lawyers, pharmacists and the like.

One of them, Mieczyslaw Birnbaum, was a journalist who had won the coveted Virtuti Military (5th class), the Cross of Valor and the Gold Cross of Merit.

Birnbaum and some 15,000 Polish reserve officers were captured by Soviet forces in eastern Poland in 1939, after Western Poland had been attacked and occupied by Nazi Germany.

The 15,000 Poles, among the creme-de-la-creme of Polish society, were the flower of Poland's leadership. Stalin eliminated 4,443 of them because they most probably would have opposed his ambitious plans for postwar Poland, which included a pliant Communist regime and the annexation of eastern territories. (More than 10,000 officers vanished without a trace.)

When the bourgeois Polish government-in-exile in London demanded an explanation for Katyn, Stalin fumed. He used the affair to sever relations with the Poles in Britain. It was a convenient pretext, since Stalin had already set up a pro-Soviet Polish government in Lublin.

The Lublin Poles took over the affairs of state and formed the first of Poland's postwar Communist governments.

For decades, out of fear and/or solidarity with the Soviet Union, Poland's Communist masters never openly questioned Moscow's direct involvement in the Katyn incident. For the record, Warsaw accepted Moscow's version of events.

In reality, scarcely a Pole believed the Soviet tall tale. For the majority of Poles, Katyn became a stain on their national honor. And since successive Polish governments were accomplices of this canard, they lost the respect of the people.

The Katyn victims, their hands bound, were shot in the back of the head in 1940. When the International Red Cross asked to inspect the burial ground, Stalin refused. At the 1946 Nuremberg war crimes tribunal, the Soviet delegate brazenly raised the issue as an example of German brutality.

Killings occurred in 1940 after Soviets occupied eastern Poland

In 1987, as *glasnost* gathered momentum in the Soviet Union, the Polish government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski grew somewhat bolder and announced the formation of a joint Polish-Soviet commission to illuminate the "blank spots" in their common history. Katyn, of course, was on the agenda.

Work proceeded at such a snail's pace that Poland finally decided to come to terms with the past. In the weeks preceeding Jerzy Urban's forthright declaration, Polish newspapers were given permission to publish reports suggesting that the Katyn massacre was perpetrated by the Soviet Union. On the eve of Urban's public admission, Tedeusz Olechowski, the foreign minister, urged Moscow to come clean.

Tass, the Soviet press agency, mentioned Urban's news conference, but omitted all references to Katyn. It would appear that some historical truths are just too hard for the Soviets to swallow.

Poland faced facts out of self-interest. The Polish government, beset by an economic crisis and intense unpopularity, is struggling for stability and legitimacy. By blaming the Soviet Union for Katyn, Warsaw hopes to narrow the yawning breach between official lies and popular truths, and thereby endear itself to the population at large.

Wieslaw Wladyka, a historian, alluded to this in a recent article in the prestigious newspaper, Polityka. As he put it: "The elimination of blank spots will help eradicate public schizophrenia, which takes the form of two ways of thinking — the popular one, regarded as the truth, and the official one, dismissed as lies."

GRANDE DAME

Ida Ehre, who died recently, was a major figure in contemporary German theatre.

Born in 1900, in Moravia, Ehre was the oldest actress and theatre manager in the Federal Republic of Germany. As founder of Hamburg's Kammerspiele, she was the recipient of numerous honors.

She and her non-Jewish husband were bound for South America when they heard that World War II had broken out. Their ship turned around and steamed back to Germany.

Ida Ehre

Arrested by the Nazis shortly after her return, Ehre just missed being transported to Auschwitz. As Werner Schulze-Reimpell writes in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Ehre's husband "raised heaven and earth" to gain her freedom.

Her mother and sister wern't as fortunate. They perished in the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

Ehre accentuated the positive in German-Jewish relations. "(She) wanted reconciliation and did not want to bring any skeletons out of the cupboard," writes Schulze-Reimpell.

EGYPTIAN JEWRY

Before the birth of Israel, a large and prosperous Jewish community resided in Egypt, compared to the several hundred elderly Jews who live there today.

The role of Egyptian Jewry, from the Ottoman period to the Nasser regime, is examined in *The Jews of Egypt: A Mediterranean Society in Modern Times (Westview Press, $45 U.S.).*

The book contains 14 essays by international scholars, ranging in topic from Jewish involvement in Egyptian politics between World War I and the 1952 revolution to the image of Jews in the eyes of Egyptian authors. It is edited by Shimon Shamir, a Tel Aviv University history professor who was recently appointed Israel's third ambassador to Cairo.

Michael Winter looks at Egyptian Jewry under the Ottomans, and concludes that they were "more tolerant" rulers than the Mamluks who preceded them.

Gudrun Kramer says that until well into the 1930s, most Jews showed little interest in local political affairs. Political Zionism won over large parts of the middle classes, particularly the youth. But the wealthy class of Jews opposed Zionism, being afraid that association with it would undermine their comfortable existence.

Maurice Mizrahi writes of the influential Jewish families that developed the Egyptian economy. Jews were instrumental in founding such enterprises as the Commercial Bank of Egypt, the Egyptian Agricultural Company and the Cicurel department store chain.

In his essay on The Image of Egyptian Jewry in Recent Egyptian Studies, Thomas Mayer dissects an article put out in 1969 by the Dar al-Hilal publishing house — the first of its kind in Nasser's Egypt. In it, the author claims that the Zionist movement alone bears responsibility for tensions between Jews and Arabs.

The essays in *The Jews of Egypt* vary in quality, but all, regrettably, are written in a dull, somewhat verbose style. A pity, for the subject is really fascinating.

Widespread knowledge of Hebrew

Egyptians more relaxed in dealing with Israelis

MEL FENSON, a former Winnipegger who now lives in Israel, writes about a recent holiday in Egypt and the changes he observed in that country since his first visit eight years ago.

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Why visit Egypt? Don't ask only me. Ask the 50,000 other Israelis who visit their only friendly Arab neighbor annually.

After all, our history there has been a chequered one. Alexandria had 110,000 Jews in the 7th century. By 1947 there were 75,000 — after brutal pressure, arrests, appropriation of property and the usual maltreatment we are familiar with, 100 Jews remain in Cairo — and 200 in all of Egypt today.

A Jewish cultural and research centre and library has just been opened at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue at Adli St. with Egyptian government dignitaries in attendance. (On my last visit there, this handsome structure was undergoing extensive renovation, a gift of Swiss Sephardic philanthropist Nessim Gaon.

Not unexpectedly, in the past decade of peace with Israel, coping with half a million Israeli shoppers has resulted in widespread knowledge of Hebrew among shopkeepers. The minute I set foot in a menswear shop, I was greeted with the question: *"aizeh mida ata, chamisham v'arba o chamisham v'sheysh?* **(what size are you . . . 54 or 56?). I presume my clothing was a giveaway, or perhaps the Cairo merchant has a sixth sense.**

Compared with my first visit eight years ago, Egyptians seem to be more relaxed in dealing with Israelis. The official guides have stopped quarrelling over who won the 73 war. People in the street who identify you as Israeli no longer rush up to say "shalom aleichem. Are you enjoying Cairo?"

The art museum curator, who concluded her tour with the summation "tell the Israelis we lack nothing here and are all doing fine" now sticks to her prepared lecture notes.

Our guide Faraj was relaxed enough to inform us that Champollion, the archeologist on Napoleon's staff, who first deciphered hieroglyphics, was a Jew. He also entertained us, when the tour bus seemed as if it might be scraped on both sides, by chanting the traditional Moslem prayer that is recited five times daily.

Another change from my earlier visit was the decreasing public indices of fundamentalism . . . fewer women on the streets in the chadour of the true believer, fewer men scattering their prayer rugs at midday in public view for their prayers.

What seemed to replace them was a striking increase in the presence of armed forces, on public squares, and posted at the entrances of government buildings, rifles at the ready with glistening bayonets unsheathed.

When I approached one of these protectors of the state with an address, printed in Arabic, for guidance, he did not respond even to my primitive Arabic question. A passerby said to me contemptuously, in English, "they can't read. Here, I'll help you."

Even on a 100-kilometre trip south to the Fayyum Oasis — a kind of Jericho writ large — the road traversing a largely gravel flat was interrupted at intervals by checkposts, directed against whom it was difficult to elicit. Libyan invaders? Local fundamentalists? Likely the latter because Fayyum had in recent years been the scene of fundamentalist uprisings (as was Assiut, a university town, during our visit).

Besides the pyramids, temples, burial chambers, sarcophagi and gold funereal ornaments — you get a bit blase by the second trip — the most amazing thing I saw in Egypt was a huge carpet workshop, with about 15 benches and looms, "manned" by five "workers" each — children allegedly weaving persian-style carpets while overseers stood over them reading instructions from complex diagrams.

The manager told us these "8 year olds" were "required" by law to work, but only four hours daily in order to leave time for education. Oliver Twist's workhouse of the Middle East.

The supposedly heightened social conscience of the Israeli did not prevent anyone on our tour from buying — not the fake Persians, but the native Egyptian scenic carpets with trees, donkeys, and other paraphernalia of village life; all in vivid primary colors.

On my airflight down, my plane's passenger list included several Yiddish-speaking Ashkenazi chassidim and the tour members who came by bus reported that there were several complete busloads of religious Sephardim.

Before I had a chance to enquire what drew these gentlemen to Egypt, a cab driver told me that the visit coincided with the memorial day for the miracle-working sainted Rabbi Abou-hatzeira of Damenhur (30 km east of Alexandria). He was the founder of the clan of the Baba Sali, the late miracle-working saint of Neviot, in the Negev.

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Groppi's, famous with British troops for its ice cream and cake, is still the best centrally located meeting place for Cairenes, and my most comfortable midday stopover.

It was not until I returned to Jerusalem and heard a scholarly lecture on the role of the cafe in shaping the modern Middle Easterner by renowned Orientalist Sir Bernard Lewis that I learned how central a role cafes play in contemporary Arab life and political evolution. The cafe, with its radio and newspapers, provides at least for men an acceptable area of social activity, an alternative or supplement to the mosque.

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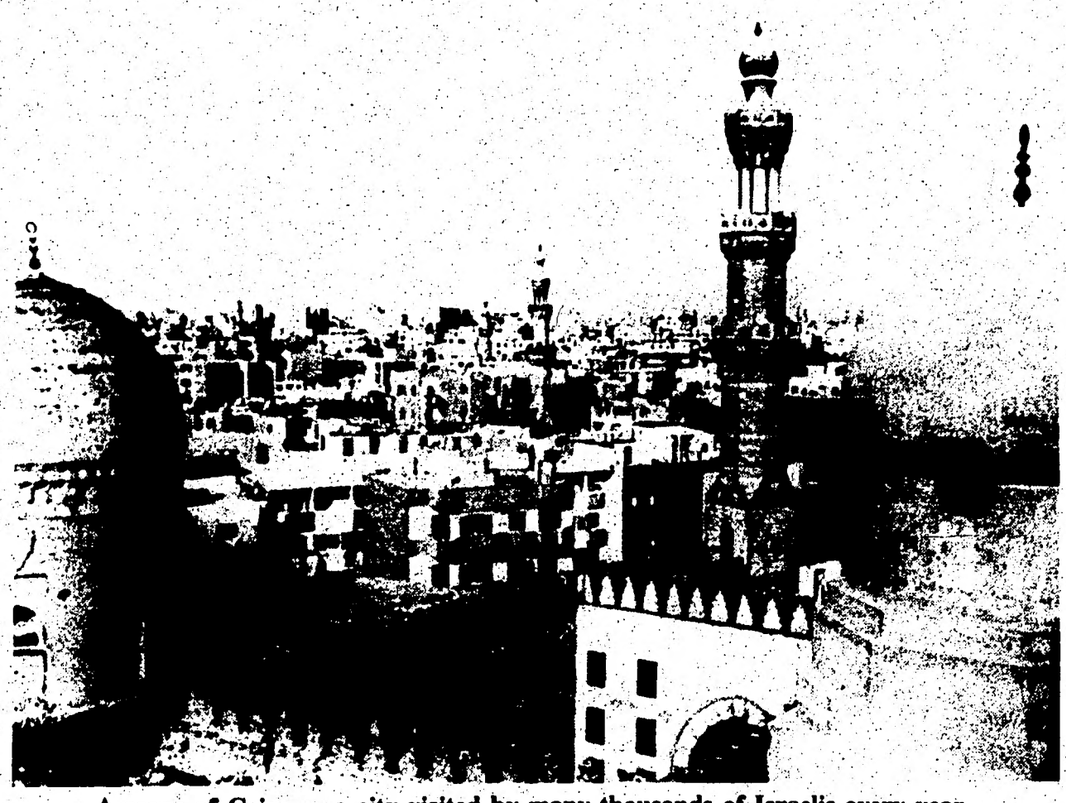
A recent symposium in Tel Aviv, attended by an audience of 200, was on Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz. This 1988 Nobel Prize winner in literature, considered by some to be the Galsworthy of Egypt, has authored novels of social realism about Cairo's slums that attract general protest and official disfavor in Egypt.

His *Madiq Alley*, which I purchased in an American University of Cairo reprint, portrays a perennially impoverished traditional society whose only escape is through work at a British army camp (the setting is World War II), prostitution, grave-robbing (for gold teeth), drug dealing or other discreditable activities.

Children of Gebelawi, first published in English in an unexpurgated version by Heinemann in Britain in 1981, was serialized in Cairo's leading daily, Al-Abram in 1959, and circulated in Egypt in a kind of samizdat form until a cut version in Arabic appeared in Lebanon eight years later.



A scene of Cairo — a city visited by many thousands of Israelis every year.

The novel, a saga of slum alleys, is held by some to be a parable of contemporary Egyptian life based on biblical figures, and in many respects a precursor of the death-of-God theology. The savagery of these slum-dwellers, erupting frequently into lethal stone-throwing jamborees, inevitably calls to mind current events in the West Bank.

The common ancestor of these activities is described in Sir Bernard Lewis' *The Jews of Islam:* "*The dhimmi* [Christians, Jews and other protected but inferior minorities in the Moslem world] however cannot and indeed may not defend himself even against such petty but painful attacks as stone throwing, done mainly by children — a form of amusement recorded in many places from early until modern times." At least our troubles have a classic ring to them.

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The indignation of some Israelis over the absence of Egyptian tourism to Israel puzzles me. The masses are too poor to travel anywhere . . . and the upwardly mobile bourgeois can afford Monte Carlo or other casinos.

The rumpus kicked up by Israeli negotiators at Taba to ensure that Israeli tourists should have easy access also puzzles me. Why? Of what benefit is it to Israel? I'd rather scheme to find ways of getting American Jews to visit Israel.

Taba is experiment in coexistence

By
ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

TABA (JPFS) —

"We can either pack up and go right now, or we can stay here and make peace," declared Yoav Papushado.

The son of Eli Papushado, once the owner and now the manager of Taba's Sonesta Hotel, was sitting in the empty hotel bar after a mass exodus of guests.

The hotel was still 50% full, but blond Scandinavian and German heads seemed to predominate in the dining room. Along with them, Egyptians had begun to trickle into the hotel, those in smart western dress from Cairo, and even a Bedouin sheikh, in the traditional jalabiya and checked kaffiyah.

The Sonesta's Jewish "refugees" had moved to hotels in Eilat. Sitting around the King Solomon Hotel poolside last Shabbat, they gossiped: the mezzuzot had been removed from the Sonesta'a doors, the food was no longer kosher, the staff was striking — rumors that a quick inspection of the hotel proved untrue.

There were real grievances, too, mostly concerning the new border. Police shortages on the Israeli side were causing long delays at peak hours, and on the Egyptian side, no taxis had yet been deployed to bring guests and their baggage from the border station to the hotel, some 300 meters away.

These problems should be resolved within a couple of weeks. Taxi permits are being organized. Foreign ministry officials are trying to prod the police into hiring more staff.

Nevertheless, many Sonesta "regulars" from London and New York, who had frequented the hotel every year or more since it was built, were talking about the hotel as if it were a newly deceased relative.

"Too bad. It was such a nice hotel," one Britishwoman said. "Nobody will ever go back there again. Once the rumors get around, I can assure you of that. Too bad, it was such a nice atmosphere around the pool."

These were people who cared little about Papushado's vision of the hotel as an Israeli-Egyptian experiment in cooperation and coexistence. They hadn't come to Taba or Eilat looking for an "international" experience.

"Look, people want a holiday, they want to be among their own, and they don't want to be bothered," said one person. "If I wanted to go to Egypt, I would go to Cairo."

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In Taba, meanwhile, new Egyptian guests and staff were making their first assessment of the Sonesta, and they were surprisingly positive.

Egyptian journalists who in their articles may have questioned whether the Sonesta was worth the hefty $40 million Egypt paid for it, now said it was "well worth the money."

"We have all been saying what a lovely hotel it is, and if the hotel offers package deals competitive with Alexandria, Egyptians will come here, no doubt," said one reporter who had traveled down to Taba to attend President Hosni Mubarak's flag-raising over the site.

"It's too bad the president won't see the hotel," he added, "but you know, I think this vision you Israelis have spoken about, of Taba as a place where Egyptians, Israelis and even Persian Gulf Arabs come and rub shoulders, may well be realized."

Pioneering arrangement

Indeed, perhaps the hotel might be best off in aggressively pursuing that new "Middle Eastern" image. While wealthy Jews from abroad might come less often to sit around the pool, more adventuresome Israelis may find the Sonesta to be an intriguing base for business, gambling and travel further into the Sinai — if the price is right.

"Taba is a pioneering arrangement," observed one high-ranking Israeli official. "The management will remain Israeli. The water, electricity and some supplies will continue to come from Eilat. It is an arrangement that can either generate friction, or it can develop into a meeting place for Israelis, Egyptians and even people from the Arab world, a joint project from which both sides will benefit."

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At the hotel, the nuts and bolts of those new relationships are being worked out at the most elementary level — among the staff.

The new maitre d'hotel from Cairo circled around the restaurant checking personally on each table, and greeting guests in Hebrew, English or Arabic. Under him worked a staff of Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs, as well as Egyptians.

In the kitchen, an Egyptian sous-chef worked for the Israeli chef. On Saturday night, they served up a delicious — and kosher — meal of steak, young Egyptian green beans and chocolate mousse.

The barman upstairs was an Israeli — of Egyptian origins — who seemed unruffled by the changeover.

Former Eilat deputy mayor Muki Meltzer prowled the hotel halls, day and night, called in by the senior Papushado to lend a hand. Before Taba was returned, Meltzer had often talked about the potential for the Sonesta as "the peace hotel." Now he was finally getting a chance to put his idea into practice — easing tensions among the old Israeli staff and praising the work of the Egyptian newcomers.

"I'm pleased with the way it is going," Meltzer said. The border, not the hotel, was the biggest headache, he added.

"I've been telling our government for the last three months that we should take care to make sure that access was easy on the Israeli side, and stop worrying about the Egyptians, but nobody listened. We weren't prepared."

The attitudes of the Israeli hotel staff, meanwhile, still seemed to be in flux.

Some seemed determined to sour the atmosphere, whispering racist remarks to the Jewish guests and doubting whether they could "take orders from an Arab." Most, however, had adopted a wait-and-see attitude, an attitude that may soften or harden with the sheer weight of human contact.

"Most of the Israeli staff will leave," said one waitress confidently. She nevertheless spoke fluent Arabic and seemed content working with her Egyptian counterparts.

"We were nervous at first, but the Egyptians are nice people and they are trying hard," said an Israeli chambermaid, after she stopped to chat with a new Egyptian bellboy.

The Egyptians, meanwhile, were quick to pick up hints about their new clientele. "I know all of the names of the Hebrew newspapers now," said one Egyptian doorman, rattling off Ha'aretz, Yediot, Hadashot.

Most of the 70 Egyptian newcomers to the staff of 330 had been hired from among Cairo's best hotels. This showed in the way in which they quickly eased into their new posts.

"They are real professionals," said Yoav Papushado. "I believe people are working together very well. I was afraid at the beginning, but it's OK."

Opinion

Raids from Southern Lebanon, intifada mar atmosphere

PLO disappointed, frustrated with U.S. dialogue

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Robert Pelletreau (right), U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia, greets Yasser Abed Rabbo (centre) and Abdulla Hourani, members of a PLO delegation.

The political dialogue the U.S. has undertaken with the PLO has proven to be an exercise in disappointment and frustration for the PLO leadership.

When Washington announced last December that it intended to begin a "substantial dialogue" with the PLO, the Palestinians were elated while the Israelis were crestfallen.

In 1975, Henry Kissinger, the then secretary of state, had promised Israel that the U.S. would not talk with the PLO unless it accepted Israel's existence and embraced United Nations Resolution 242. Later, a third condition was added: renunciation of terrorism by the PLO.

For years, the PLO had refused to abide by these terms. But once PLO chairman Yasser Arafat accepted them, the Reagan administration changed its policy, and designated its ambassador in Tunis, Robert Pelletreau, to initiate a dialogue with the PLO.

The PLO considered this development as an historic turning point — despite a bold disclaimer by George Shultz, the secretary of state, that the U.S. had not recognized the PLO's proclamation of statehood in Algiers a month earlier and still opposed the idea of an independent Palestinian nation.

These soothing words failed to mollify Israel, which regarded the U.S.-PLO dialogue as something of a betrayal.

In the first round of talks on Dec. 16, Pelletreau met Yasser Abed Rabbo, a member of the PLO executive and a deputy to Nayef Hawetmeh, head of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO constituent organization. Round two, involving the same personalities, took place on March 22.

Much to the chagrin of the PLO, both encounters, especially the first one, have been short on results, mainly because the U.S. is still working out its Mideast policy.

The dialogue got off to a sputtering start because the lameduck Reagan administration had no intention of seriously addressing the Palestinian issue.

And Shultz let it be known that the mid-December meeting would be the last to be conducted by the Reagan administration, the most pro-Israel since 1948; that the U.S. would not press Israel to negotiate with the PLO; that the PLO was not, in any event, a potential negotiating partner; that there had been no change in American policy toward Israel.

Yasser Arafat

Shultz's statement caused discomfort within PLO ranks, but Arafat and company hoped that the new President, George Bush, would exhibit greater understanding for the Palestinian cause. So far, this has not been the case.

Israel, for its part, launched an urgent public relations campaign to counter the growing acceptance of the PLO in the international community.

Israel's blitz against the PLO gained momentum after PLO constituent groups launched the first of five cross-border raids on Israel from southern Lebanon after Feb. 5. The attacks, all of which were foiled, were carried out by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command and the Palestine Liberation Front.

Fatah, Arafat's faction, did not take part in these assaults, according to Gen. Dan Shomron, the Israeli chief of staff. But two Palestinian maurauders who crossed into Israel from Egypt and fired shots an an Israeli patrol last month claimed they had been sent by Arafat.

Palestinian incursions from Lebanon, together with an upsurge of violence in the territories, prompted Israel to lodge an official request with the U.S. to halt its dialogue with the U.S. Israel claimed that the PLO had reneged on its pledge not to practice terrorism and charged that the PLO was encouraging the insurrection in the territories.

Washington rejected Israel's note, but President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker called on the PLO to stop its raids. State department spokesman Charles Redman warned the PLO that infiltration attempts were "contrary to the peaceful objectives of our dialogue," and that the U.S. would hold the PLO "responsible" for the acts of its constituent groups.

The U.S. has refrained from warning the PLO about its role in the Palestinian uprising, being of the opinion that the *intifada* is not a form of terrorism. However, the U.S. believes that a ceasefire in the territories would be of immense help in cooling tensions.

The PLO, not having taken kindly to U.S. warnings, has rebuffed calls for a moratorium on cross-border raids, saying that they are part of the Palestinians' legitimate struggle to recover their national rights. And in their last meeting, Rabbo told Pelletreau that the *intifada* would not end until Israel withdrew from the territories.

Arafat himself has been quoted as saying he does not regard "attacks on Israeli Army soldiers in Lebanon or on Israeli military targets in Israel as acts of terror." Arafat has also said he has been involved in indirect talks with Israel to reach a truce in southern Lebanon. Israel hotly denies this.

By all accounts, Arafat is particularly angry that the vaunted dialogue with the U.S. has turned into a forum for complaints and warnings about the military activities of PLO splinter groups. Arafat is also angered by Washington's refusal to elevate the dialogue to the highest political level.

Arafat's deputy, Salah Khalef, has accused Washington of "dragging its feet" in formulating a clear-cut, favorable policy on the Palestinians.

And Rabbo has said the U.S. should "stop stalling and settle down to genuine and meaningful discussions with the PLO."

Yet another source of dissatisfaction is a recent decision by the U.S. to veto a UN Security Council resolution deploring Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the territories. The veto, the PLO said, "added insult to injury" because it ran counter to a state department report criticizing Israel's human rights record on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The PLO, though, is pleased by Baker's suggestion that Israel may have no choice but to negotiate with the PLO in the future. On the heels of his comments, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee, said: "We are witnessing a major change in U.S. policy."

And the PLO is heartened that Washington recently granted visas to three prominent members of the PLO — Nabil Shaath, Afif Shaath and Noha Nicholas Tadros — to attend a conference in New York City attended by Arabs and Israelis. It will be recalled that Washington refused to give Arafat a visa to address the UN General Assembly last year.

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There is no doubt that Washington's dialogue with the PLO, which flies in the face of Israeli objections, is beneficial to PLO interests (although Israel stands to benefit if the U.S. can soften up PLO policy still further.) The PLO's status is noticeably enhanced whenever its representatives meet the American envoy in Tunisia.

Observers, however, wonder what the U.S. reaction would be if a Palestinian raiding party eluded detection by the Israeli Army and succeeded in killing Jewish civilians.

The question is pretty relevant because Palestinians opposed or cool to Arafat's leadership and accommodation to Israel's existence intend to keep up the "armed struggle" against Israel.

Arafat finds himself on the horns of a dilemma: In order to prevent a deeper split within the PLO, he has apparently acquiesced to infiltration attempts through southern Lebanon, even when they've been perpetrated by Palestinian factions which oppose him. But such acquiescence is fraught with the danger that the U.S. may well end its dialogue with the PLO — an implicit warning Pelletreau conveyed to the PLO last month.

The matter is exacerbated by the fact that Palestinian rebels are supported by Syria, which has an interest in undermining Arafat. The Syrians don't want Arafat to have an independent role in Middle East diplomacy, so they will try to sabotage his policies through compliant Palestinian surrogates.

In the interval, Arafat is taking flak from the dissidents, who accuse him of being a traitor. Khaled Fahoum, of the anti-Arafat National Salvation Front, has been quoted as saying: "Time is on our side. Arafat has given away everything, and will get nothing."

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In the face of all these developments, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has more or less given up hope of trying to convince the Bush administration to halt the dialogue with the PLO.

In February, it asked the U.S. to "promptly and thoroughly" reassess its policy, saying that border infiltrations by the PLO "violated assurances" given to Washington.

But the Conference, at least for the present, does not really expect the U.S. to execute a 180 degree turn in its policy: Seymour Reich, the president, has said that while he is not "happy" with the dialogue, "we recognize that the (Reagan) administration accomplished a fait accompli in opening that dialogue."

James Baker

It appears that the American Jewish community is fairly isolated on this issue. According to a public opinion poll taken in February, nearly seven out of 10 respondents approved of the U.S. holding talks with the PLO, and six in 10 said Israel should follow suit.

Meanwhile, a study done by the American Jewish Committee found that 58% of American Jews thought that Israel should be willing to negotiate with the PLO, provided the PLO recognizes Israel and renounces terrorism.

Officials in the Bush administration who support talks with the PLO can take solace from an assessment recently carried out by Israel's intelligence community. It concludes that no alternative leadership to the PLO exists in the territories and that the PLO has joined the pragmatic Arab camp which seeks a negotiated solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

George Bush and James Baker, no doubt, will keep this information in mind should further pressure from Israel and the American Jewish community build up to discontinue the dialogue with the PLO.

Opinion

Pesach seder is not a meal but history relived

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Last week's column — "Look, Dad, goot Shabbes on the table" was really an introduction to the present one dealing with the very significant impressions that the Passover seder can and should have on the minds and memories of our young.

Indeed, the seder ceremonial, if properly conducted, is a dramatic re-enactment of the Exodus from Egyptian slavery and the emergence of our people as a national entity. Yes, Pesach is also referred to as "the time of our liberation."

J. B. Salsberg

If any simple-minded person will ask whether the whole Exodus scenario is historically correct I will tell them that it is correct even if some non-Jewish historians offer suggestions that do not fully coincide with our traditional presentation of that historic event.

It is true enough for me if only because we and our ancestors have maintained that it has been true for thousands of years!

If my very traditional mother had been told of someone who questions the authenticity of the Exodus she would have said, in her inimitable style: "May all the disturbing dreams that I may have had this night and the other night, and all the nights of an entire year, descend upon his head and upon his life and limb."

But, to come clean with you, my dear readers, I feel obliged to confess that the real motive of this week's column is to alert all parents to the opportunities that the Passover seder offers for the total involvement of their children, particularly the very young, in the unforgettable, live, dramatic spectacle of the Exodus tradition in our history.

Unfortunately, too many people are unmindful of the lasting benefits that a well-conducted seder can have on the young. The authors of the Haggadah, the text for the seder, made this objective crystal clear.

It was the youngest member of the family who was assigned the role of launching the spectacle. It was he, or she, who opens the performance by asking the well known, traditional "Four Questions" as to "why this night is different from all other nights of the year." And, the reply to those questions launches the ceremonies and festivities that follow.

He who reduces the seder night to a mere, prosaic, "seder dinner with kneidlech" does violence to a great national tradition. He also squanders a unique opportunity to perpetuate that inspiring tradition to our future generations.

Let me offer an illustration of my own experiences.

The enlarged Salsberg family, who are to be found in all streams of modern Jewish life styles, adheres to the traditional conduct of the seder as practiced by our parents. Even the old family Passover cooking utensils, chinaware, cutlery, etc., that are kept stored properly from year to year, are used exclusively for the sedorim.

The entire seder is conducted in the family tradition. Major attention is given to the young, younger and youngest members of every branch of the family tree.

There is a good, healthy competition for the opportunity to ask the four questions and often those questions are asked by more than one youngster.

The traditional songs are sung lustily by all and, I'm positive, that every single youthful soul at that festive occasion will carry its spirit throughout his or her life. (Even rigid secularists may, according to my book, participate in this traditional practice. Their children will, in later years, be grateful to them for the experience.)

Let me illustrate what a joyous, collective, traditional seder can mean for the rising generation.

Last year my nephew, Allan Troster, the son of my sister Betty and her husband Sydney, found himself "stuck" in Tokyo, Japan, where he was visiting for business reasons during the first days of Pesach. In the midst of our seder the telephone from Tokyo called. He evidently studied the time differential and managed to reach us at the right moment.

Allan wanted to listen to our ceremony and asked that we sing the lively Chad Gadyeh song for him.

Well, my beloved readers, Tokyo, that never heard that lusty seder song, will never hear it sung more lustily, more inspiringly than it heard it that seder night. It was an occasion that none of us will ever forget.

The moral is: Don't ever allow the seder ceremony to be reduced to a "Passover dinner with kneidlech." It's a desecration to do so. You short-change your children if you do.

Passover is a joyous celebration of our ancestors' liberation from slavery; it is an inspiration to all people who struggle for their own national liberation.

Make your seders spectacular, unforgettable experiences for young and old and, most particularly, for the young. It helps forge their link with their people.

Hurrah, for the seder!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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CLARK "BOOBY PRIZE" WINNER?

I offer this free suggestion to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark:

You haven't gone far enough, Joe, in your praise of the PLO's Yasser Arafat.

Why don't you submit your own name as a candidate for the Great Canadian Booby Prize? Joe, you're a shoo-in winner.

Sam Mandel
Toronto

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CLARK'S ARAFAT PARK NEXT?

Why didn't Prime Minister Brian Mulroney shift Joe Clark to the post of postmaster general in the last cabinet shuffle?

Maybe the misguided Mr. Clark will name a national park in Alberta after his bosom friend, Yasser Arafat.

H. N. Starr
Toronto

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CLARK NAIVELY FOLLOWS MOB

How naive of Joe Clark to want to follow the mob and "recognize" the PLO because it mouthed a formula that it does not mean.

For 40 years, the Arab world has done all in its power to wipe out the Jewish state. For 40 years it has waged war, maintained a boycott, and carried on murderous terrorist raids.

We have just seen how the entire Moslem world wants to execute a Moslem who wrote an offensive book about Islam. But who even thought much about those over the centuries who wrote worse books against Judaism?

Who today remembers how the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem used to organize terrorism against Jews in pre-war days before he fled to Berlin to help Hitler exterminate Jews?

Who today remembers that Britain carved up the Palestine it took from the Turks in 1917 and gave 77% to the Arabs to create an all-Arab Palestinian Arab homeland which was off-limits to Jews?

M. M. MacMillan
Toronto

LAMBASTS CLARK

The inevitable has finally occurred and Mackenzie King is laughing in his grave. External Affairs Minister Joe Clark has publicly declared that high level contacts between the PLO and the Canadian government's bureaucracy is officially sanctioned.

Granted that there was immediate outcry from our Jewish leadership, but to no avail. Public denunciations of our elected government will only fall on deaf ears in Ottawa. The Conservative principles of Joe Clark have long been bankrupt, dating back to his short-term leadership of a national Progressive Conservative government. His then highly publicized backtracking on the Canadian embassy issue in Israel should have served as a dire warning to Canadian Jews, a foreboding of what sort of leadership was to be expected of this shallow individual.

He may be an educated man, but not even he could see through the guile of the PLO propaganda machine. The steamroller effect continues, and if there is any language that Ottawa understands, it certainly is not public demonstrations or speeches. Is civil disobedience next??

I exhort all Canadian Jews, of all stations of life, not to support this lame government, one that only sees fit to jump on the bandwagon if it is politically expedient for its future fortunes at the United Nations (after all, isn't Canada seeking a permanent seat on the Security Council, and needs the support of other allies of Yasser Arafat, y'mach sh'mo)?

Hit them in the pocketbooks, where it counts. But this should only be considered a first step. In the long run, you and I may find that Canada could well be on the way towards the end of what we have come to expect as a safe haven in the Diaspora for Jews. The hospitality may soon be drying up. Better we prepare ourselves to move on, if necessary, to Eretz Yisrael. At least there, we do not have to put up with the dual loyalty smear, circa The Toronto Star, nor be admonished and scolded publicly by officials.

Danny J. Rosenzweig
Toronto

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PASSOVER RELIEF FUND

Though some people regard Passover food banks as demeaning, I understand that a Special Passover Relief Fund is available to the needy in Toronto.

Would you please tell me how I would get in touch with this fund?

Name withheld
Toronto

Editor's note: Phone the Intake Department of the Jewish Family & Child Service of Toronto at (416) 638-7800. Your request will then be forwarded to the National Council of Jewish Women who undertake to pack baskets of Passover foodstuffs and deliver them.

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SATANIC VERSES NOT PROTOCOLS

Cyril Rosenthal's March 16 letter, "Satanic Verses Vs. Protocols," compares the fury caused by *The Satanic Verses* to the fury arising from *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.*

I believe his comparison lacks foundation.

The *Protocols* were fabricated by a Russian anti-semite named Sergye Nilus. They "documented" the alleged plans of Jews to smite Christianity and thus achieve world domination.

They were accepted by Stalin as grounds for Russian pogroms. They served as justification for Hitler's plan of complete Jewish extermination.

So the *Protocols* can be linked to the slaughter of 6 million Jews. However, the only death resulting from *Satanic Verses* might be that of its author.

Generations of Jews will be feeling repercussions of the *Protocols* long after *Satanic Verses* has been tucked away on a shelf to collect dust.

Michael E. Kay
Toronto

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TEEN TURNS OFF JUDAISM

This is an open letter from a concerned Jewish parent addressed to all religious leaders concerned about assimilation.

Recently, I spoke to an ice-rink guard, a young man with long hair and an earring in his ear, and asked a question concerning the rink schedule.

After he answered, I told him that my kids could not make it because they were in school till five. To my amazement, he smiled and said they must go to . . . . , and he named the Orthodox Day School they attend.

He then told me that he came from a religious family, and had been a student at the school until the end of grade 8, after which he opted for public school rather than a yeshiva.

He then told me he had no father, just a mother and sisters.

Although he was well-liked by his classmates, he rarely received invitations to spend Shabbes at their home; nor did he feel he could initiate Shabbes invitations, because there was no father there to head the Shabbes table.

He said that in all the years he spent at his school, only one of his rabbis had ever invited him for Shabbes.

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Eventually, he stopped going to shul Friday nights, because he hated to go alone. Instead, after his meals, bored and lonely, he would go over to his neighborhood friends, who invited him to listen to music tapes, and watch videos.

He eventually was turned off Yiddishkeit, disillusioned by what he felt was a lack of practicing what you preach, and he has turned away from being religious.

Death and divorce are facts of life and seem to be occuring more frequently. For many single parent homes, there is no Oneg Shabbat. The only joy is the relief at sundown that Shabbes is over.

Encourage your children to invite their classmates, the ones who may be fatherless, or immigrants, or not so wealthy, or not so popular. You just might save a few Jewish souls.

Name withheld
Toronto

"ISRAEL MUST TALK TO PLO"

B'nai B'rith's recent report on anti-semitism in Canada alerts us to a worrisome rise in bigotry.

That graffiti and hate literature are proliferating, and that bomb-toting racists can threaten Jews and Jewish institutions in Alberta and elsewhere is of great concern.

But it is a mistake to connect rising anti-semitism with the so-called "anti-Israel bias" in media reporting.

The League for Human Rights and other Jewish "spokesmen" do not like what they see on the nightly news. But by condemning the media for showing the ugly reality of the occupation, the League evades two critical issues.

First, the rise in anti-semitism is linked to the general increase in racism in Canada today.

Therefore, fighting racism should become a priority for all Canadian Jews.

Second, we must recognize that Israel's behavior does make Jews everywhere more vulnerable to attack, just as it jeopardizes the safey of Israeli Jews.

Therefore, Canadian Jews need to ally with Israeli Jews working against the occupation and for a just peace based on direct talks with the PLO.

Varda Burstyn
Mark Klein
Marlene Webber
Jews For a Just Peace
Toronto

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SHE FINDS LETTER INSULTING

Re the March 2 letter from Harvey L. Webber, of Sydney, NS, headed "Splinter parties weaken Israel":

Must I pick up your publication and see a letter consisting of six sentences, telling your readers what every thinking human in both Israel and the rest of the world has known for eight or more years and then some?

My eldest son, who at 20, joined the Israeli Army, and did his full military service with the Givati Unit; told me the exact things found in Mr. Webber's letter; my husband, on one of several UIA missions several years ago, told me and everyone else who would listen those things; my 22-year-old son, now in Israel for this year, told me the same thing a month after he arrived.

Is Mr. Webber just now realizing that "a strong central government is essential for Israel's existence," or "Israel cannot afford the luxury of a government torn by inner dissent," or that, "history proves that governments comprised of many conflicting ideologies are weaker."

Is this information just now energing for Mr. Webber, and for The CJN? It would appear so.

Why else would such "earth-shattering" information be printed? Have we finally run out of real world news — maybe something with substance, maybe something about *which we don't already know?*

Zelda Zelikovitz
Halifax

World-National

Based on draft Lithwick report

Changes in Congress structure under discussion

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A vision of a radically different Canadian Jewish Congress, which would effectively become an agency of the federations through the National Budgeting Conference, is put forth in a draft report by a joint CJC-NBC task force on CJC's priorities, structure and funding.

The CJN has obtained a copy of the draft report dated Jan. 10. The document has not been approved by the task force, chaired by Harvey Lithwick, an economics and public administration professor at Carleton University, but is being used as a discussion paper.

The report calls for CJC to restrict its mandate to national matters, and to be selective in the issues it deals with. The CJC of the future is described as "the senior national advocacy and planning agency" of the Jewish community. "Moreover, it is to be the key national programming arm of the federations and hence of NBC."

The task force unanimously agreed that CJC should be "the foremost national Jewish organization in Canada" and "a major spokesman for Canadian Jewry" — with the "central" involvement of the federations.

CJC would continue to set the national priorities of the community, but only after they had been presented to the NBC for budget approval. Plenary Assemblies would no longer have the power to set priorities, only suggest areas of concern.

National priorities should be limited to those that "meet the needs of the vast majority of Canadian Jewry," the report says.

"The proposed closer links of CJC to the federations and greater accountability to them through NBC should ease many of the current tensions," it states.

The report makes sweeping and provocative statements about CJC's alleged ineptitude and increasing irrelevance. For example, "Despite its remarkable history of success, CJC is under attack today as never before in its history.

"The emergence of new issues and of changes in the composition of the national Jewish community, have weakened its structure, confused its mandate and undermined its legitimacy. For perhaps the first time in its history, the question 'who speaks for Canadian Jews?' cannot be answered unambiguously with 'CJC.'"

The report contains a warning to CJC that if it does not implement the recommendations of this report, or any subsequent amended version, it will "lead to a process of change instituted from outside, one that is likely to be much less respectful of CJC's mandate and role in the community.

"Alternatively, CJC might simply be bypassed with the creation of some new organizational apparatus more capable of taking on a central national role in a more responsible manner."

The proposed major restructuring of CJC would virtually make redundant its "anachronistic" regions, or at least restrict them to "delivery agents" of national programs.

The reports depicts national CJC as having lost control of its regions, and actually being dominated by them.

Noting the competition and duplication in large communities between the federations and CJC regions, the report makes the claim that local responsibilities can be most efficiently handled by the federations.

The report attempts to lay to rest the "myth" of CJC's more democratic character and the federations' image as the preserve of a monied elite. "Federations are generally democratically selected and broadly representative of the community if only because fund raising is but one part of their vastly increased programming and service delivery functions."

The report notes that the merged Toronto Jewish Congress is in name only; other than accounting and sharing of some resources, the two organizations remain separate.

The power of the regions has reached the point where their "uncontrolled" budgets are greater than that of the national CJC, yet they are not accountable to the federation from whence the money originally comes, the report continues.

The task force grew out of a meeting of CJC officers held in June 1987 where the structure of CJC was reviewed, and which resulted in the formation of a CJC Officers' Ad Hoc Committee on Priorities and Structure. Later, the NBC joined as a full partner. The budget of $30,000 was to be shared equally by NBC and CJC.

The NBC's growing concern with CJC expenditures was an impetus. A cited internal NBC paper speaks of a "blurring of (CJC's) mission and role...loose interpretations of its mandate, a multiplicity of goals as represented in a diffusion of programs, tangled lines of authority and substantially increased budgets."

CJC is seen as having gone far beyond its original role, taking on new issues such as day care and equal pay for women, and consequently requiring more money, which the report points out, comes from the local communities.

"There is strong opposition within the communities to some of the positions taken by CJC in these areas...there is no consensus within the Jewish community on (these) complex matters...

"By permitting its committees and its leadership to take stands on issues beyond its traditional mandate and without succeeding in building substantial support through consultation and negotiation, CJC has managed to alienate vast segments of its own constituency. In many cases, the most aggrieved parties have been the major federations."

The report comments at length on how issues should be selected, and whether they are national or local. National issues should be restricted to those of importance to at least one of the two major federations/regions, as well as others. They may involve advocacy to the federal or foreign government; be important to Israel; lend themselves to a "clear Jewish position"; or be of vital long-term importance to local communities which do not have the incentive or resources to act.

All national functions should be consolidated at one site to send out the message that the national office is the boss.

The remaining local issues should be funded by the local federations, the report states, and should a CJC region remain in the community, a division of labor should be worked out for implementation, with the federation overseeing the budget. Current national departments, such as education, Yiddish, Holocaust remembrance, archives, religious affairs and some law and social action issues could be reassigned locally, it is suggested.

The report questions the election of officers by the Plenary, because that assembly is not responsible to anybody. The officers should be responsible to the executive committee, according to the task force.

The executive committee should be renamed the governing council, the report recommends, and be given real power, perhaps by allowing it to select officers itself.

It is proposed the governing council be composed of the elected officers, the presidents of each federation and region and of national organizations, delegates from communities of at least 10,000, and ad personam representatives.

Committees would be responsible to the governing council. Two new key committees would be created: planning and budgeting, and personnel and administration.

The staff would be led by a single executive director who reports to the president.

Regional staff would report solely to regional elected officers. Other than having their presidents on the Council, regions would play no direct legislative role in national CJC.

The officers committee would become "the continuing working arm" of the council, and ensure that policies of the council are implemented. The president would be chairman of both the council and officers committee.

Despite the restructuring, it is not likely CJC's total budget will be much different, the report says. Some non-national functions would be dropped, but new ones added from NBC. CJC would, however, spend a lot more time on budget planning.

In conclusion, the task force describes the relationship between CJC and NBC as more a partnership, than domination of one over the other. "NBC retains the right to examine budgets, and to question items deemed to be inappropriate. What cannot be challenged, under this new framework, is the legitimacy of the priorities set by CJC."

If and when both CJC and NBC accept a common final version of the task force report, a committee of "respected and objective" members of the community would oversee its implementation.

According to this draft report's schedule, the reformed CJC should be fully operational by October.

"A better understanding and trust has evolved": Reitman

Next CJC administration will decide

MONTREAL —

The Lithwick report has been thrown in the lap of the next administration of Canadian Jewish Congress.

By the original schedule, a final version of the report was to have been presented to the CJC Plenary Assembly and the National Budgeting Conference steering committee this spring for adoption, but CJC president Dorothy Reitman said negotiations became "bogged down" and it was decided to resume meeting after the Plenary rather than rush the report through.

Harvey Lithwick, the author of the draft report, said the logistics of getting together the 27 members rather than differences over the direction the negotiations should take, prevented the task force from completing its work.

Ten meetings have been held since the summer of 1987. The NBC joined a year ago.

Reitman, who feels the report is a little too harsh on CJC, said more time than was expected was spent on refining some of the "very negative" language of the report. But she does not see the report as calling for too radical a shakeup of CJC.

She added that the task force decided to concentrate for the meantime on the "principles" of the report, that is, the relationship between CJC and NBC, rather than on specifics such as the composition of the reformed CJC's executive.

"It's been tremendously enriching to the relationship between the federations and CJC," Reitman said of the negotiations. "A better understanding and trust has evolved."

NBC chairman Irving Halperin, however, feels the report accurately reflects the views of the NBC, which has been "frustrated" with the way CJC has set its priorities and handled its budget over the last 10 years or so, and would like to see its recommendations adopted.

He said talks had reached a "critical stage" when they broke off, and things now hinge on the attitude of the new CJC leadership. He remains hopeful that the report's guidelines can begin to be implemented by next fall.

He said the NBC has not been pleased by CJC's adding a number of issues outside its traditional mandate in recent years, instead of "clearly identifying the principal concerns of the Canadian Jewish community."

"CJC has not been able to come to grips with saying 'no' to certain programs...If funds were unlimited, I don't think there would be any objection, but funds are limited and CJC must start to rank its priorities, as the federations have had to."

Reitman said she is happy that the consensus of the task force is that CJC should remain "the central spokesbody of Canadian Jewry" and sees more attention to budgeting and planning as the major changes to the CJC are likely to emerge.

Harvey Lithwick

Dorothy Reitman

Irving Halperin

Lithwick, who has served the task force as a volunteer, emphasized the wording of the report is his own and that the report has "no status — it's one man's opinion." However, the report states that it contains the task force's "consensus views on the broad contours of the situations."

He said the "core principles" of the report have been accepted by both parties and what remains is the detail work.

Proposals to change CJC

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Jewish populations, "which doesn't make sense," he said.

He proposes, for example, that the president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council "shall be an officer and also serve as chairman of the Manitoba region."

The presidents of the Edmonton and Calgary federations would each serve as national officers, though only one of whom would also serve as chairman of the Alberta region.

Under Satok's proposals, the presidents of the community federations in Hamilton, London, Windsor and Vancouver would gain representation on the national officers committee for the first time.

Also proposed as a national officer is the president of the Canadian Sephardic Federation.

Other officers would include, the presidents and immediate past presidents of both the Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal and Toronto Jewish Congress; one chairman and one national vice president from each of the Quebec and Ontario regions who shall be elected from members residing in each of these regions; one chairman from each of the Atlantic, Saskatchewan and Pacific regions.

The national executive would consist of the national officers, Satok proposes, along with a number of others:

- the chairmen of Congress national standing committees.
- the chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee.
- presidents of 38 major organizations, such as Canadian ORT, Hadassah-WIZO, Lubavitch Youth, B'nai B'rith Men and Women (with five delegates between them), United Israel Appeal, Labor Zionist Movement, Canadian Council of Conservative Judaism, Agudas Israel, Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations, Pioneer Women Na'amat and others.
- Fifty members at large elected by the regions and communities in a ratio set forth in an annex to the amendment. Fifty percent of the members at large from the Quebec and Ontario regions would be elected by the federations in those regions.

The Atlantic region would have 6 delegates, Quebec 14, Ontario 16, the National Capital district 2, Manitoba 3, Saskatchewan 2, Alberta 4, Pacific 3.

Other proposals to amend the structure of the national officers committee and the national executive committee will be submitted by presidential candidate Les Scheininger. The CJN will report on Scheininger's proposals in next week's edition.

Advocates "tolerance for individual differences"

Moncton school board adopts new policy

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON, NB —
Moncton's District 15 school board recently adopted a policy which threatens disciplinary action, including dismissal, against teachers who do not "respect tolerance for individual differences."

The new policy is designed to ensure teachers promote respect for individual freedoms and tolerance for individual rights, as set out in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, said Carl Ross, chairman of the board.

Board chairman Ross (no relation to teacher Malcolm Ross), said the board acted to put on the books a policy applicable to all teachers. He told The CJN that a 9-month-old "gag order" against Malcolm Ross had been criticized for being aimed at a single teacher and not all District 15 employees.

He said the gag order — which prevents the teacher from repeating allegations against Jews — may be "redundant" in light of the new policy, although he said there were no specific plans to rescind it. However, the Moncton Times-Transcript reports that Ross said it is a matter which the board is going to have to address in the near future.

Violators will be disciplined

For the past several years, Malcolm Ross has been the centre of a controversy resulting from his publication of books and letters which question the Holocaust and which allege an international Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity.

Attempts to have the teacher charged with promoting hatred against Jews have failed, with successive attorneys-general arguing the law is not strong enough to ensure conviction.

A subsequent investigation by the province's Human Rights Commission into whether the school board was providing discrimination-free services was successfully challenged in court by the board and the province's teachers' federation. A lower court decision denying the Commission jurisdiction is being appealed to a higher court.

The new policy, moved by trustee Irving Hannah, chairman of the board's policy committee, compels all school staff in the district to guide youths in the development of positive attitudes that reflect tolerance and value freedom in a safe and stable environment, the Times-Transcript reports.

Disciplinary action is available against those who violate the policy.

When asked what consequences might result if, in future, a teacher published material questioning the Holocaust or alleging a Jewish conspiracy, Ross told The CJN the material would be analyzed "with regard to the philosophy the district is trying to promote and if it was contrary to what we're trying to teach, he'd be the subject of an investigation."

Ross said that over the past few years, the board has had to deal with a number of different cases involving the issue of tolerance, although he would not specify what they were. The board felt it required a specific policy on the books to deal with such issues, he said.

School trustee Audrey Lampert, the only Jew on the board, said she was happy with the board's unanimous vote to change its policy, though the policy's effectiveness will depend on how it will be applied.

She told The CJN she'd like to think the change resulted from "a rethinking" of the policy by board members. But she noted that the board had been under increasing "public pressure" and has suffered from "an image problem" in the way it handled the Malcolm Ross case.

(About two years ago, she could find no one on the board to second her motion condemning racism and prejudice.)

She suggested the timing of the policy change was more than coincidental — a school board election is scheduled for May 8, she noted.

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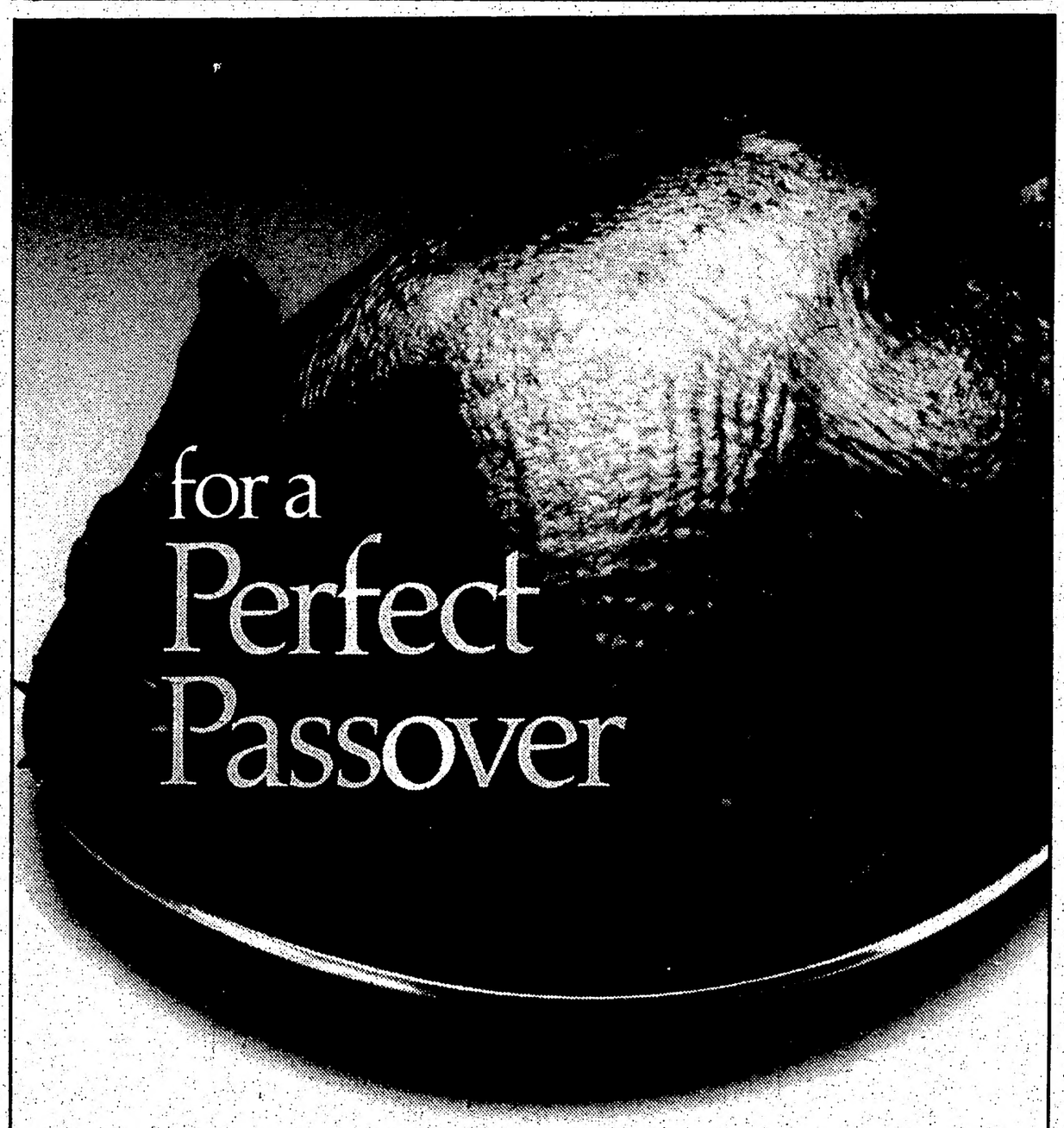

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World-National

Israeli Arabs display support for uprising

By
CJN NEWS SERVICES

JERUSALEM —
Thousands of Israeli Arabs demonstrated peacefully in support of the Palestinian uprising last week.

Authorities stepped up security throughout Arab areas of Israel and the territories to thwart violence during Land Day demonstrations called to show solidarity with the Palestinian uprising and to protest confiscation of Arab land.

The army prohibited Palestinians from leaving the West Bank and put the Gaza Strip under indefinite curfew. The underground leadership of the uprising, in a leaflet, called for increased attacks on soldiers.

Tension ran high in the territories, where residents staged illegal marches and clashed with soldiers in at least 20 communities.

In Israeli Arab villages and towns, Land Day observances were mostly peaceful, with about two dozen arrests and a handful of minor incidents reported.

A general strike called by Israeli Arab councils shut down most Arab businesses but was not entirely successful. Many Bedouin villages and at least seven northern Israeli Arab towns ignored the strike call.

Land Day commemorates the 1976 riots in which six Israeli Arabs were killed while protesting government confiscation of Arab land. About 700,000 Arabs are Israeli citizens.

Israeli authorities appealed to Israeli Arabs to keep Land Day demonstrations peaceful and said 5,000 additional police officers on duty would not enter villages unless violence erupted.

The uprising leadership in its leaflet called on Israeli Arabs to show their support for the intifada.

"We identify with the aims of the intifada and the establishment of a Palestinian state next to the state of Israel," Raja Hatib, head of the local council in the Israeli village of Sakhnin, told Army Radio. "Our identification does not in any way intend to disrupt normal life in the Arab sector."

From Sakhnin, 12 miles north of Nazareth, several thousand Arabs marched to the neighboring village of Deir Hanna. A separate demonstration was held by the Islamic Movement, which won many of last month's municipal elections in Israeli Arab villages.

Demonstrators carried placards in the black, red, green and white colors of the outlawed Palestinian flag, expressing solidarity with Palestinians in the territories. They also chanted, "Two separate states for two peoples."

At a rally in Deir Hanna, Meir Wilner, a Communist parliament member, called for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

"The Israeli government must understand that there is no solution for the conflict between Israel and her neighbors without the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside the state of Israel," he said.

Police arrested several Arabs in Nazareth and Sakhnin, saying they were suspected of threatening businessmen who did not want to close their stores for the general strike. About 20 other Arabs were arrested later for carrying nationalistic material and songsheets.

Palestinian flags were raised in several spots and five gasoline bombs were thrown, but no injuries were reported.

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JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
The growing identification of Israeli Arabs with the Palestinian cause, and the hostility towards the state that this too often produces, must serve as warning to Jew and Arab alike, cabinet minister Ehud Olmert told the Knesset last week.

Olmert, who has special responsibility for Arab affairs, stressed that acts of violence by Israeli Arabs since the start of the intifada were the work of a minority. But he felt, nonetheless, that it pointed to a disturbing trend.

During 1988 there had been "500 cases of political subversion [within the Green Line]. These included the display of PLO flags, the scrawling of hostile graffitti, the stoning of vehicles, and attempts to block roads." In the previous year, there were 125 such incidents, the minister said.

Also last year, there had been 208 acts of sabotage within the boundaries of the state, compared with 69 in 1987.

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B'nai B'rith leaders met with Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir recently in Jerusalem to review BB Canada's new survey on anti-semitism in Canada. In the photo (from left) are Moishe Smith, BBC president-elect; Lou Ronson, vice president of BB International; Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of BBC, and the Prime Minister.

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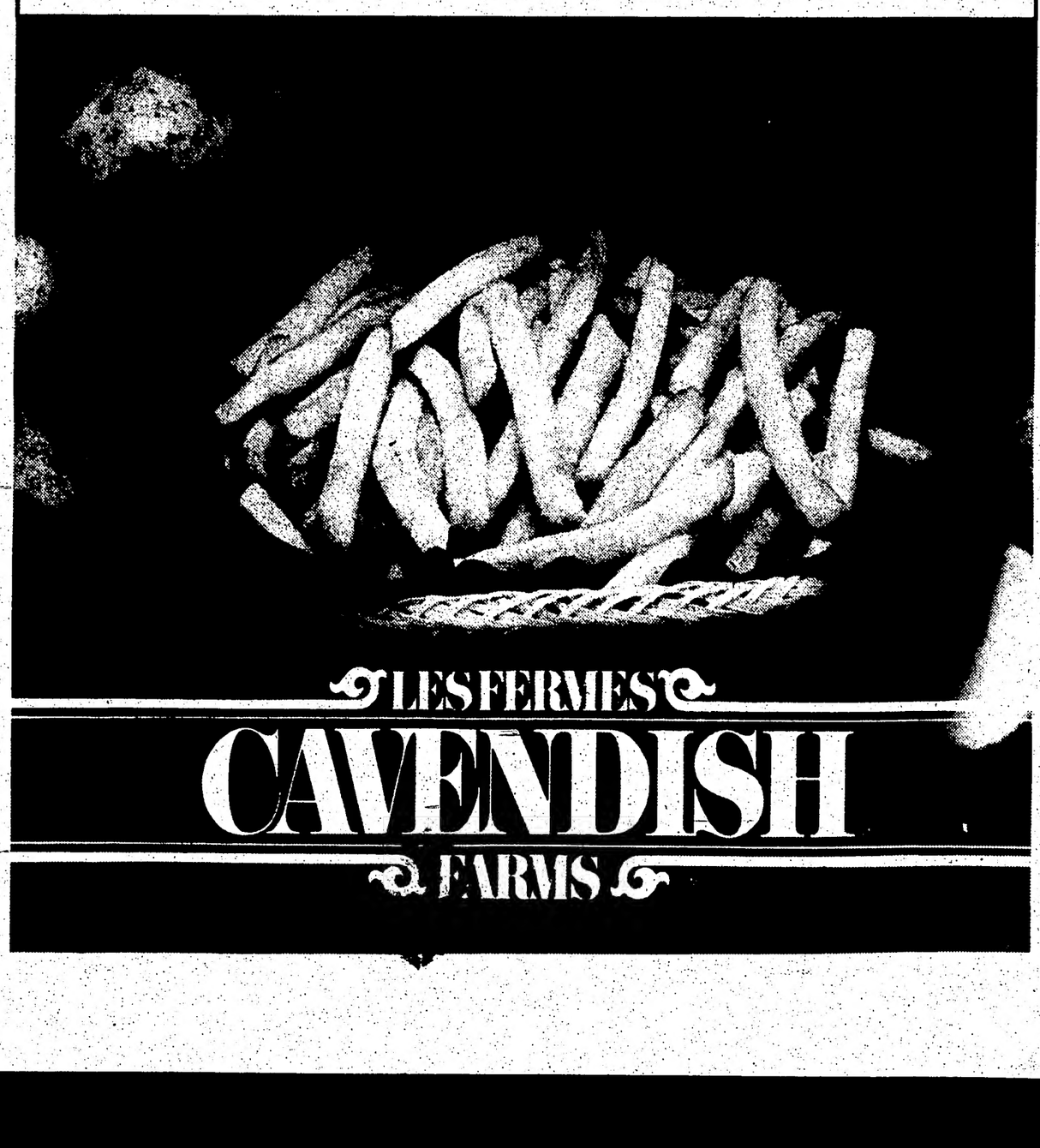

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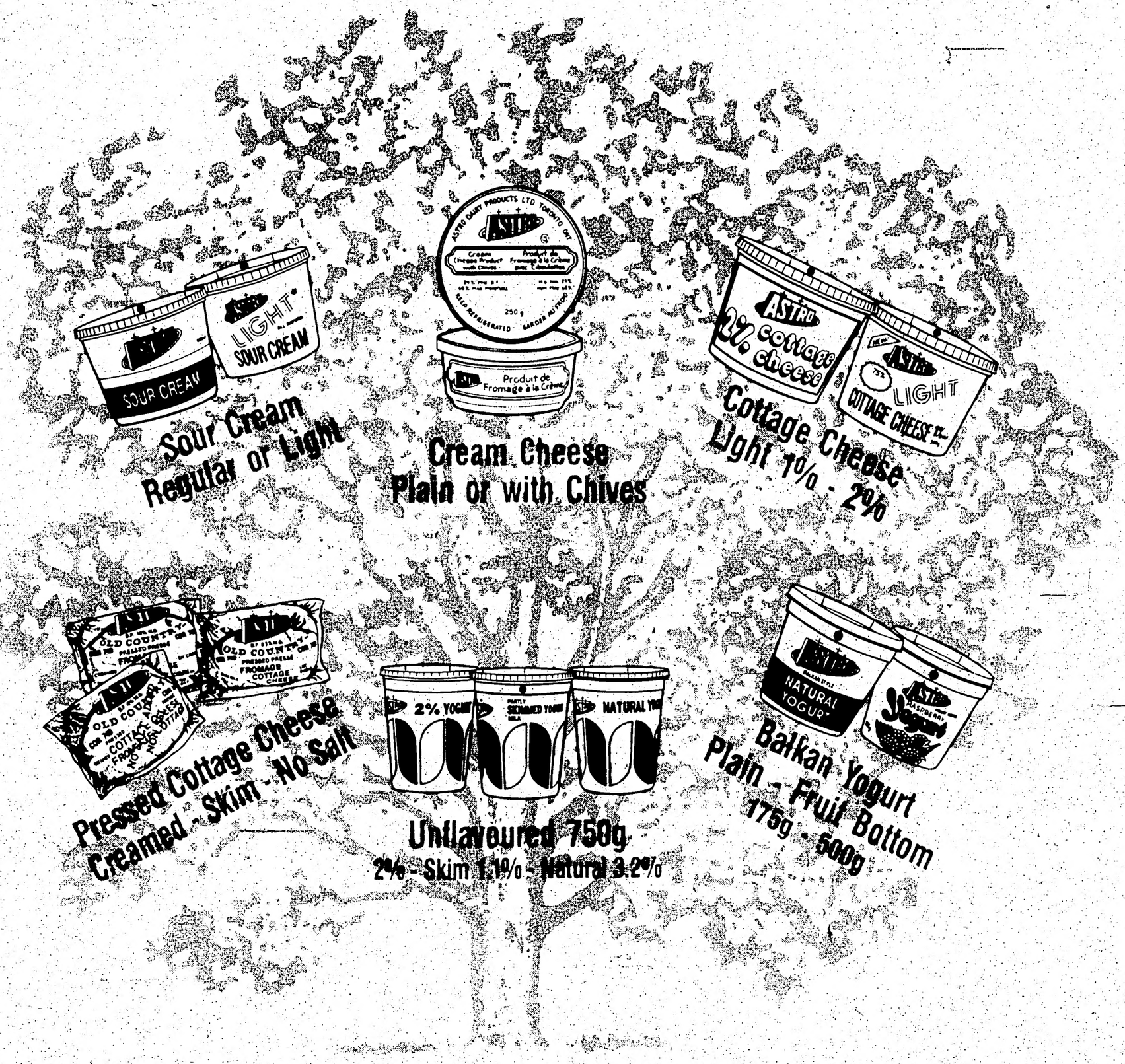

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World-National

Clark's move seen as fundamental policy shift

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Peace Now organization advocates Israel-PLO negotiations, the Canadian affiliate stated that the PLO is representative of Palestinians and that Israel's attempts to find a substitute have failed.

(A recent Israeli poll by Peace Now showed 66% of those interviewed supported talks with the PLO, under certain conditions.)

CFPN agreed, however that "self-determination" is often the code for an independent state, but that it could have other meanings and that the final form of Palestinian national identity should be negotiated.

For months, speculation has been rife that the external affairs department was pushing for a change in Canadian policy towards the PLO, following Arafat's recognition of Israel last December and his renunciation of terrorism.

Mulroney appeared to scotch those stories, saying in London only a few weeks ago that Canada was not contemplating improved relations with the PLO.

Jewish organizations made it clear they opposed upgraded talks with the PLO. "We were extremely active in lobbying not to recognize the PLO," Reitman said. "You can't say it's because the Jewish community didn't do its homework."

The primary area of concern for Jewish groups was Clark's announcement that "Canada (endorses) the principle that the Palestinians have the right to self-determination in accordance with the International Human Rights Covenants."

Both Sidney Spivak, national chairman of the CIC, and Reitman stated the announcement marks a fundamental departure from prior Canadian policy. In the Middle East, they noted, "self-determination" for Palestinians is taken to mean an independent state.

Clark stated Canada recognizes that "the phrase 'self-determination' was being used as a code-word for an independent state," though "Canada does not recognize the Palestinian state proclaimed last November."

By recognizing the Palestinians right to self-determination while not simultaneously recognizing the state proclaimed by the PLO, Canada was making it clear it was not necessarily backing a Palestinian state, he said.

Speaking on the CBC radio show, As It Happens, Clark said Canada would not prejudge the outcome of any negotiations over the Palestinians' future. Canada, he said, would not exclude creation of a Palestinian state, of a federation of a Palestinian entity with a neighboring state, or some other arrangement.

Despite Clark's disavowals, many observers took his announcement to mean support for a Palestinian state as well as recognition of the PLO.

Ian Watson, of the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations, said that while Clark was using diplomatic language, the statement was tantamount to recognition of a Palestinian state, the Toronto Star reported.

The National Arab Federation also said the move was de facto recognition of the Palestinian state proclaimed by Arafat.

However, Paul Frazer, a spokesman for Clark, said despite the interpretation placed on the policy by others, Canada does not recognize an independent Palestinian state.

And Clark, speaking on radio, reaffirmed Canada's firm support for Israel and its security, adding he believed the changed policy will aid in finding peace for Israel.

The Canada-Israel Committee, in a news release, said Clark's "comments on Palestinian self determination while not pre-judging the outcome of negotiations are contradictory.

"The distinctions which the government has drawn are meaningless in the Middle East context...Israel, the Palestinians, the PLO and the Arab countries interpret the words 'Palestinian self determination' as meaning an independent Palestinian state."

Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of Israel's foreign affairs and defence committee, who was visiting in Toronto, said the changed policy was an unfriendly act to Israel. It could encourage the PLO and "fuel violence" in the region while not helping the peace process.

Ben-Elissar, a member of the Likud, said the PLO has not embarked on a peace process nor changed its ultimate goal of destroying Israel, though it may have changed its tactics.

Jerusalem, he added, would be "bitterly disappointed" at the development. Israel may now see itself "abandoned" by one of its main friends, but it won't be pushed into talks with the PLO.

"We know them," he said. "They cannot bluff us. They may bluff Canadians...but not us."

Spivak told The CJN that "the Jewish community should not be under the illusion (Clark's announcement) is a continuation of previous policy. It is a fundamental shift."

The solution Clark apparently foresees, a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza, would only destabilize the region and create a Lebanon-like entity, Spivak suggested.

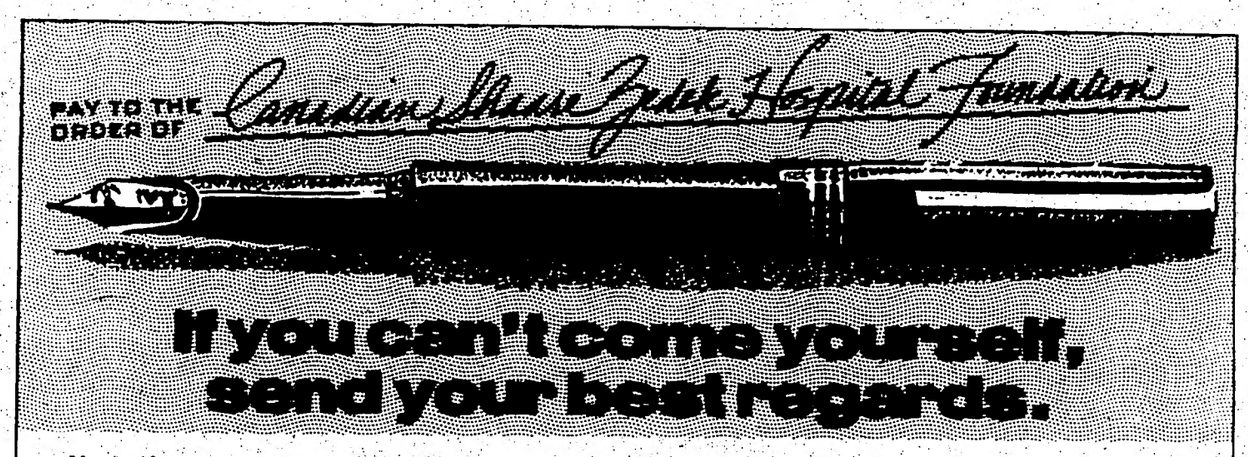
Some leaders around Arafat have said a Palestinian state would be only the first step in Israel's destruction. This is not the "extremist element," he added.

Spivak, who at one time was leader of the Manitoba Conservative Party, said consideration of Canada's position as president of the United Nations Security Council was probably a major factor in the announcement.

Upgrading contacts with the PLO will "make it more comfortable for some Canadian officials,' he said. Canadian officials could see the shift as allowing them to play a more prominent role in the UN, which still maintains the Zionism equals racism resolution, he noted. Canada will chair the Security Council in October.

Stephen Lewis, Canada's former ambassador to the UN, called the change in policy "absolutely necessary," giving Canada greater influence with the PLO and Arab states.

He said "our position was entirely untenable before and this was a necessary and logical step. It brings us back into the international picture. We had excluded ourselves by our intransigence on dealing with the PLO."



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Edgar Bronfman spells out priorities

New challenges face Soviet Jewry movement

WASHINGTON (JTA) — **The challenge facing the Soviet Jewry movement now is no longer emigration, but rather to help revive Jewish cultural and religious life in the Soviet Union, the president of the World Jewish Congress said here last week.**

Speaking at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of Conservative rabbis, Edgar Bronfman rejected the argument that all Jews must be rescued from the Soviet Union to prevent assimilation.

"So they come to New York and they are not going to disappear as Jews?" he asked. "It's nonsense."

His views appeared to differ with those of Shoshana Cardin, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Addressing the assembly, she said Soviet Jews should be given "the freedom of choice" to settle where they like. However, she added, "we should stress the benefits of settling in Israel."

Bronfman said that many in the Soviet Jewry movement now share his view, because the rate of Soviet Jews who do not go to Israel has reached 90%.

"Of course we want them to go to Israel," said Bronfman. But he suggested that the reason most decide not to do so is because they lack Jewishness.

"The reason that most of them want to leave is not for religious purposes; it is to be non-Jewish, not to be Jewish," Bronfman said. In addition, because the Soviet Union has painted a distorted picture of Israel since 1967, most Soviet Jews do not realize that Israel has a Western-style economy, he said.

The WJC leader also said he would like an end of the problem of Jewish refugees in Rome waiting to enter the United States.

He said he would like to see Jews who want to go to Israel get visas directly from an Israeli consulate in Moscow and those who want to go to the United States or other countries get their visas from those nations' embassies in Moscow.

He suggested that many of those who have to wait for long periods to gain admission to the United States will decide instead to go to Israel.

"We don't want them to go to Rome," Bronfman said. "Do you realize that we are building a DP camp in Rome in the year 1989?"

He said that as a result of the U.S. decision to be more selective about granting refugee status to Soviet Jews, some 7,000 Jewish emigrants are currently waiting in Rome, and there may be as many as 25,000 by the end of the year.

"Shame on us, shame on them," he said. "It is not dignified any longer for a Jew to be a refugee. It is not tenable anymore for people to say they are afraid of life and limb in the Soviet Union, because it is not really true."

Bronfman said that if Jewish life becomes more viable in the Soviet Union, many Jews will want to remain there.

But since age-old anti-semitism will likely continue to exist in the Soviet Union, many others will want to leave. They will be more likely to do so if they have had the Jewish education denied Soviet Jews for the last 70 years, he said.

Bronfman said that the cultural centres that the Soviet Union has agreed to open, through negotiations with the WJC, can be the vehicle "to teach people the pride, the tradition of our people."

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World-National

Setback for Labor seen

Conference gives boost to Shamir

By
DAN PETREANU

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — For Yitzhak Shamir, the Solidarity Conference was a great success. For Labor, it was a setback — but the party cannot officially admit this.

Many on both sides of the political spectrum agree that the delegates in effect issued, or were manipulated into issuing, a vote of confidence in the government of Israel — and therefore in the Likud-led foreign policy of that government.

Moreover, the conference represented world Jewry's apparent realization and acceptance of Likud's growing primacy on the Israeli political scene. Despite valiant efforts by Shimon Peres to preserve half the limelight, Shamir was clearly treated as the major policy-maker in Israel by the Jewish leaders. For Shamir (who, many say, still belongs psychologically in the opposition), this was a heartwarming experience indeed.

To the unpleasant surprise of many in Labor, Shamir also appeared to enjoy ideological support — both by the plenum and by the various speakers from the floor. These, critics charge, were selected in such a way as to ensure that the atmosphere of solidarity would emerge intact. Shamir's pledge that he would not talk to the PLO received prolonged and enthusiastic applause.

Peres, who has long been viewed as the urbane, eloquent counterpart to the caustic, introverted Shamir, nevertheless seemed less effective in delivering his humanistic, liberal vision of Israel as a nation headed for an "historic compromise." Polling of the audience afterwards revealed an acceptance that it was Shamir's views and style that mattered in Israel today.

Although both parties officially claim the conference was apolitical — and not intended to seek support for any particular policy save the general quest for peace — in private conversations Likud figures admit the conference was a boost for Shamir. Minister-without-portfolio Ehud Olmert, who coorganized the conference with Labor's Mordechai Gur, said he thought the positive response of the Jewish delegates "will definitely strengthen Shamir in the U.S. next month.

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Many in Labor are wondering why their party contributed to a show of solidarity with the Likud-led foreign policy which most of them adamantly oppose. Many felt that the conference, timed two weeks before Shamir visits the U.S., could only bolster his position.

Knesset Member Ora Namir reasoned that the decision to cooperate with the Likud was simply another in what she saw as the series of errors of judgments made by party leaders "who don't understand the effects of what they are doing." In private conversations, most party members are highly critical of the event, which one high-placed source in Labor described as "a real Purim bash — with people who disagree bitterly putting on a mask of consensus." The source added, "Labor now looks as though it is lending a hand to the destructive policies of Shamir."

When Shamir's office initiated the idea for the conference two months ago, Peres faced a difficult choice. He knew that opposing the conference on political grounds would play into the Likud's hands, and probably not prevent the event from taking place. Allowing the event to take place without actively participating would have emphasized what many in the party feel is in fact the case: Peres has abandoned the diplomatic stage entirely to Shamir.

"Peres approved the plan himself without consulting anybody," said one Labor minister bitterly. "His discussion of the matter with Shamir lasted no more than five minutes. He didn't feel comfortable standing in the way and never carefully weighed the consequences."

So Peres decided to participate, and appointed Gur as the party's representative on the organizing team. Party insiders argue that Peres intended for Gur to be considerably less helpful than he turned out to have been. But Gur — the most vocal minister in calling for the replacement of the party leadership and declaring his own candidacy — is no longer doing Peres's bidding these days.

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Throughout the conference, both Peres and Shamir stated that the government is united in its desire for peace and "a change in the status quo" and the two parties are divided only on the means to achieve it.

So Shamir got what he wanted without being asked to abandon or clarify any of his positions. While deemphasizing the rejectionist views that form the foundation of his speeches to Likud activists, Shamir could maintain that the government is united in its opposition to an independent Palestinian state and to talks with the PLO. Representatives from both parties affirmed their desire to find willing and able interlocutors in the territories, with whom negotiations can be held to bring about a change in the status quo.

The real question of what will be negotiated was pushed aside. The chasm dividing Labor and Likud on relinquishing Israeli sovereignty over any territory west of the Jordan in exchange for peace was carefully skirted. And the delegates did not force the speakers to address it, largely backing the "consensus" presented to them.

An aide to Shamir said that the delegates' general acceptance of these positions, despite probable reservations by many, derived from a feeling that the proper tactical position for entering negotiations is a hardline stance. To this, a Labor member countered that this is easier for the Diaspora Jews to accept than for Israelis who are subjected to Shamir's daily hardline rhetoric.

Confab delegates show "strength"

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lios as the price, Koschitzky added.

Koschitzky noted that all speakers agreed Israel would not talk to the PLO, with Peres saying the PLO in Tunis has a different constituency than the Palestinians in the territories.

A 3-hour discussion with Amram Mitzna, IDF commander in the territories, included a query on media reports from the area. Mitzna said Israel won't ban reporters from the territories — that is the price Israel must pay as a democracy.

The intifada has scaled down from large scale demonstrations to "more stone throwing," Koschitzky reported him as saying, while the standard of living of the Palestinians has dropped 40-50%.

Moshe Ronen, who heads Congress' action committee on Israel, called the conference a personal success for Shamir prior to this week's discussions in Washington.

The conference, he said, showed Jewish unity even after the divisive Who is a Jew issue that followed Israel's November elections, prior to the formation of the unity government.

(Diaspora Jewry were angry at reports that Shamir's Likud coalition would form a government with religious parties that demanded changes to the Law of Return. The proposed changes would mean those converted by non-Orthodox rabbis would not be recognized as Jews.)

Ronen said Shamir wanted to dispel the perception that Jews were disunited, even if they disagreed on some policies.

Peres differed from Shamir, Ronen pointed out, in calling for Israel to "begin an historic compromise" in terms of rearranging territorial boundaries in the area.

Palestinians should govern themselves, Peres stated, and he did not rule out a confederation of the territories with Israel or Jordan or both.

In a telephone interview, Montrealer Thomas Hecht called the conference "a massive outpouring of faith and belief in Israel" and a vote of confidence in the country's unity government.

Sixteen hundred Jews showed their caring and dedication to Israel by participating, he added.

It was an open conference where disagreements could be voiced, "but there was hardly a voice of dissent." Nevertheless, he noted, the media seemed to look for the voices of dissent and play this up as if it were the order of the day.

Hecht, a former president of the United Israel Appeal and of State of Israel Bonds, said Peres assured the participants that the Jewish settlements in the territories would not be dismantled.

Hecht told The CJN he went to Israel to help show the strength and solidarity of the Diaspora for the Jewish state, especially during the current peace process.

He noted his concerns that the PLO, unlike other terrorist groups such as Basque separatists and the Irish Republican Army, maintains a wish to destroy the state against which it is fighting. The programs of the other organizations do not include a covenant calling for the destruction of their enemies, he said.

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But hints at plan for entity

Peres denies report he'll propose Palestinian state

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Vice Premier Shimon Peres has denied a newspaper report that he intends to present a peace plan calling for the establishment of a demilitarized Palestinian state in the territories.

Pressed during a television interview, however, Peres hinted that he may have plans that refer to a "Palestinian entity," pointing out there was little difference between such a body and the autonomy ideas agreed to by both Likud and Labor.

He also indicated a new willingness to consider negotiations with members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"Who does the PLO represent?" Peres asked. "The majority of the Palestinians live in Jordan. The PLO certainly doesn't talk for them. And if it claims to talk for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza, why should we not talk to them directly?"

The Labor Party leader said he would discuss his ideas privately with Yitzhak Shamir before the Prime Minister travels to Washington in early April. But he said he would not discuss them openly or even present them to the cabinet until Shamir returns home.

"I want Shamir to go to Washington under the best possible circumstances," Peres said. "If he can persuade the Americans to accept the plan, well and good. If he can persuade the Palestinians to accept it, well and good."

Shamir refused to comment on the rumored Peres plan, which was disclosed by the respected Hebrew daily Ha'aretz. But he said that the national unity government must not be allowed to collapse.

According to the Ha'aretz story, the peace plan was drawn up by Peres and a think tank led by reserve Brig. Gen. Ephraim Sneh, former head of the civil administration in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The story said it would be made public next month, after Shamir returns from his talks with President Bush in Washington.

Sneh, speaking from Geneva in an interview with Israeli army radio, denied that there was a detailed alternative plan to the one Shamir will bring to the United States. But he spoke of some new "ideas."

The basis of those ideas, he said, is the assumption that Shamir's visit will be a failure.

The story came amid a barrage of advice being levelled at Shamir by politicians from all shades of the political spectrum, as the premier prepared for the U.S. trip.

Knesset members on the right are advising him not to give up an inch of the biblical Land of Israel. The left is urging him to talk to the PLO.

Shamir has revealed little of the plan he intends to present to Washington. But it is said to include some kind of an interim arrangement for Palestinian autonomy in the territories. He has categorically ruled out, however, the possibility of a Palestinian state and any transactions with the PLO.

Ha'aretz said the Peres plan proposes, in effect, a demilitarized Palestinian state, with its own parliament and police force. Security would be controlled by the defence forces of Jordan and of Israel.

The plan calls for an unofficial ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinians on all fronts for one year. It would include a stage of preparations for a meeting between Israel and Palestinians, including Palestinians abroad, with informal U.S. and Soviet encouragement.

After that period, negotiations would begin under an international "umbrella" modelled after the 1973 Geneva peace conference convened in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War.

Israel would negotiate directly with freely elected represenatives of the Palestinian population of the administered territories.

The paper says the Peres plan also calls for talks with delegates from the Palestinian diaspora, and it reportedly does not rule out an eventual meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Israel's unemployment rate shows sharp increase to 8%

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel's unemployment rate rose sharply over the first two months of this year, reaching a 2½ year high of around 8% of the work force.

The last time unemployment peaked at this level was in June 1986.

The number of people claiming unemployment benefits, seasonally adjusted, reached 33,000 on average for the first two months of 1989, up from the 32,400 monthly average for the last quarter of 1988.

A fifth of all people unemployed for six days or more at the beginning of the year lived in development towns, with Ma'alot, in the north, and Netivot and Yeroham, in the south, particularly hard hit.

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported that industrial output dropped by 3% in 1988, while the number of workers employed in industry fell by 10,000 or 3.5%. The largest reduction was felt in the transport sector.

Simcha Assaf, head of the Agriculture Center, told a news conference that some 5,000 farmers gave up agriculture in 1988, as average wages and incomes in that sector dropped substantially.

He noted that the average income of Israeli farmers last year was 83% of the national norm. The sector's total revenues fell 10% to 5 billion shekels ($2.8 billion).

Shamir will have a busy time in U.S.

NEW YORK (JPFS) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has a busy schedule lined up for his current visit to the United States.

He will be meeting with President George Bush (including dinner at the White House), Secretary of State James Baker and Secretary of Defence Richard Cheney. He'll address a mass rally in New York and Chicago. He will speak to the Conference of Presidents of Major Organizations and the Council of Foreign Relations.

He'll meet with U.S. Congressional leaders; and then with a group of intellectuals at the home of Elie Wiesel; and with the media.

He'll also address a nationwide convention of American editors in Washington.

Rabin criticizes purported plan

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produce his own peace plan if Shamir comes back empty-handed, as the vice premier plainly expects his Likud rival to do.

Elements of that plan, leaked to the news media, speak of creating some sort of Palestinian entity in the territories. Such a proposal would represent a fundamental break from Labor's longstanding belief that a permanent solution must be struck with Jordan.

By holding out the prospect of a Peres plan soon, the vice premier and his aides are in effect foreshadowing the dissolution of the present unity government.

Some Labor officials would relish such a scenario. Party doves, led by former secretary-general Uzi Baram, opposed the reconstitution of the unity government under Shamir, with Likud's Moshe Arens as foreign minister.

A cabinet crisis, moreover, would presumably galvanize the party around its present leader, thereby staving off the challenges to Peres' leadership, his aides reason.

It is perhaps for those same reasons that some key figures in the party, most notable among them Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, are becoming less and less enthusiastic over this scenario.

Rabin let it be known this past weekend that he regards the leaked elements of the purported Peres plan as an unacceptable deviation from party policy as endorsed by the last party convention.

Rabin maintains that his own plan — for elections in the territories of representatives who can enter into negotiations with Israel — is both within the parameters of Labor doctrine and within the agreed gambit of the unity government's policy guidelines.

Rabin and Labor hawks are anxious not to split the unity government at this time.

Their efforts are focused on persuading Shamir and Arens to endorse the idea of leadership elections for the Palestinians as the cornerstone of a program that would hopefully pacify or at least moderate the intifada, and open the way to negotiations for at least an interim settlement.

In the Peres camp, however, the prevailing view is that things have gone too far by now to hope that local elections can somehow drive a wedge between indigenous Palestinians and the PLO leadership abroad.

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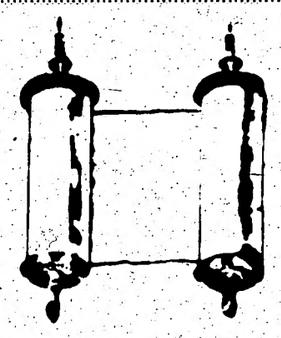

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Tazriah / Rosh Chodesh Nissan

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Bedikat chametz — we must cleanse ourselves!

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Event organizers invite "liberation speakers"

PLO rep to address May Day rally

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Abdullah Abdullah, Palestine Liberation Organization representative in Canada, is to be one of the speakers at the annual May Day rally of the Toronto Labor Council.

Murray Tate, a former vice-president of the Council, and still an executive board member, said he and his wife, Rita, also an executive member, are considering resigning over the invitation to Abdullah.

"Show me any country where the PLO operates that has a democratic trade union," Tate told The CJN. "There are former presidents of the Labor Council who would turn over in their graves if they knew this was happening."

Tate said he has visited Israel 14 times and on many of these trips he has gone to Maalot where the bodies of school children killed in a PLO raid are buried.

The May Day parade is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, at 2 p.m., forming up in Trinity-Bellwoods Park, near the statue of Simon Bolivar, and marching to the Steelworkers' Hall, 25 Cecil St. to hear the speakers. Besides the PLO representative, those scheduled to speak are Linda Torney, of the Ontario Provincial Service Employees Union, president of the council, Dan Heap, NDP MP for Spadina riding, and Lorne Robson of the Communist Party of Canada.

"What's the Labor Council coming to?" asked Tate who is a former Toronto Harbor commissioner.

John Humphrey, of the United Steelworkers' Union, and co-chairman of the May Day rally, said one of the purposes of the event is to express international solidarity with workers everywhere.

"We've had different liberation speakers in the past, from Latin America and South America, and in view of the intifada uprising in Israel we thought it a good occasion to invite a representative of the PLO," he said.

Humphrey said this is the first time the Council has invited a PLO speaker to the May Day parade. Abdullah has confirmed that he will attend the rally the co-chairman added.

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Province to pay for 2½ hours of instruction per student

North York to fund day school Hebrew classes

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Jewish day schools in North York won a partial victory in their continuing battle for provincial funding recently (Mar. 29) when the North York Board of Education voted 11-2 to approve heritage language Hebrew classes in Jewish private schools.

In doing so, the Board rejected a recommendation from its officials that no action be taken until the province issues regulations under its new policy to allow private school students to take the classes. This means that the province will pay for 2½ hours of Hebrew instruction a week for each student. The Jewish schools have asked for 192 classes in Hebrew and 6 in Yiddish.

About 300 parents of day school students thronged the halls and committee rooms of the Board lobbying for a favorable decision. The crowd overflowed the Board room and watched and listened to the debate on closed circuit TV in another large room.

"We think there is a good chance that the heritage classes will begin in September," said Les Scheininger, president of Associated Hebrew Schools, one of five spokesmen for the Jewish day schools.

The heritage classes are funded 100% by the province.

Trustee Errol Young moved that the heritage classes be held in private schools only if the children must walk more than 1.6 kilometres to attend them in a public school.

"Grow up!" a member of the audience shouted at the trustee.

His amendment was defeated.

"Jewish parents have been waiting a long time for a glimmer of light in a very dark tunnel," said Bernie Farber, director of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education.

Rev. George McLintock, president of the Coalition for Public Education, opposed the heritage classes in Jewish schools.

The Board approved the Hebrew classes after being advised by the superintendent of administration and community services, Roy Hardy, that there is nothing to stop it from going ahead. He said Board officials were cautioned that after enabling legislation is passed at the next session of the legislature there may be some new regulations. But the Board could monitor the situation, Hardy said, and he saw no reason to delay.

The schools who have requested the Heritage classes are Associated Hebrew Schools, Leo Baeck Day School, Netivot HaTorah Day School, United Synagogue Day School and Bialik Hebrew Day School.

Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, director of the Jewish Board of Education, Murray Segal, chairman of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, Charles Zaionz, president of the Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and four parents spoke in support of the classes.

The Board's present Heritage program provides 113 Hebrew classes, including 32 at United Congregational School, 16 at Beth Tikvah, 14 at Adath Israel and Shaar Shalom, 12 at Temple Har Zion and 8 at Temple Sinai.

The province announced its new policy of extending Heritage classes to private schools last October and at the time Witty said it would cover only a fraction of the cost of operating the Jewish schools.

The motion clearing the way for the classes was presented by Trustee Gerri Gershon and seconded by Trustee Kenneth Crowley.

Others supporting it were Trustees Ralphy Belfry, John Filion, Dan Hicks, Sheila Lambrinos, Cheryl Moscoe, Darlene Scott, Elizabeth Smith, Shelley Stillman and Mae Waese. Trustees Errol Young and Bob Churchill opposed it.

Trustee Elsa Chandler said she had been advised not to vote on the question because she is on the board of the Bialik School.

Trustee Gershon said it was ridiculous to suggest that 400 pupils and their teachers should walk six blocks from their own school to a public school for the Heritage classes. "We are already offering Heritage classes in synagogues, at Columbus Centre and in other community locations. We have no choice under the new government policy — we must offer them in the private Jewish schools."

Trustee Elizabeth Smith, who supported the motion, said she has no Jewish community in her ward (3) but if it was not for the Jewish community the North York Board would not have the facilities for education of children with special needs. She opposed the idea of making children travel to other schools for the heritage classes, stating that this policy was what crippled the French immersion program in its early days.

In addition to the 113 Hebrew classes and 1 Yiddish class (at Associated) the Board gives 16 heritage language classes in Arabic, 1 in Armenian, 2 in Assyrian, 3 in Bengali, 56 in Cantonese, 1 in Dari/Pushtu, 2 in Dawat, 9 in Farsi, 4 in Finnish, 56 in Greek, 13 in Gujarati, 5 in Hindi, 12 in Italian, 6 in Japanese, 1 in Khmer, 14 in Korean, 2 in Lao, 3 in Latvian, 1 in Macedonian, 1 in Malayalam, 32 in Mandarin, 2 in Marathi, 1 in Portuguese, 5 in Punjabi, 1 in Russian, 1 in Serbo-Croation, 18 in Spanish, 2 in Swedish, 4 in Tamil, 2 in Turkish, 7 in Urdu, 2 in Vietnamese, and 1 in Yoruba.

Arafat still the same, says MK Ben-Elissar

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

"I'm ready to talk to any Palestinian, but not Yasser Arafat," says one of the most influential leaders of Israel's governing Likud party. "For me, a snake remains a snake, a mafiosi remains a mafiosi, even if you dress him in a tuxedo."

Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset's powerful foreign affairs and defence committee, arrived here last week for a 9-city tour across Canada. His visit marks the 10th anniversary of the ratification of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, which Ben-Elissar played an important role in achieving.

Vilifying the Palestine Liberation Organization and defending his government's refusal to enter into negotiations with it, the 57-year-old diplomat told The CJN: "The PLO has imposed itself on the Palestinian people. Through fear and terrorism you make yourself a leader. Whoever engages in talking to the PLO encourages terrorism."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is due to meet U.S. President George Bush on April 6, and Ben-Elissar will interrupt his 3-week United Israel Appeal of Canada fund raising itinerary to go to Washington. He did not anticipate that Shamir would be bringing any new proposals with him. "The foreign policy of a nation is not pursued through novelties. We are not an haute couture house that has to present new styles twice a year.

"When a nation is fighting for its survival, gimmicks are not necessary. The U.S. has committed a mistake (in up-grading ties with the PLO). A great power can commit a great mistake."

Ben-Elissar maintains that a "crushing majority" of Israelis share his passionate and adamant refusal to consider a territorial withdrawal and that only "20% at most" are ready to talk to the PLO. "Where are the Jews ready to give away Jerusalem," he asked rhetorically. "I imagine there are those ready to give up Tel Aviv too."

Turning to discuss Israel's decade-old peace treaty with Egypt, he noted President Anwar Sadat's "personal courage" in coming to Jerusalem in November 1977, thus breaking the 30-year Arab taboo on direct contact with Israel.

"Sadat's main characteristic was that he was a realist which is unusual in the Middle East. He understood that Egypt had no better way than embarking on a peace process with Israel. Other Arab leaders have realized they couldn't defeat the State of Israel, but weren't able to draw the conclusions."

Mubarak "successful president"

"Hosni Mubarak is a different man," said Ben-Elissar. "He started under tragic auspices but has proven to be a very successful president." He credited the present Egyptian leader with a flair for pan-Arab diplomacy, saying that while adhering to the peace treaty with Israel, Mubarak has succeeded in getting 16 of the 20 Arab countries to resume their ties broken off in 1979.

Ben-Elissar, who set up Israel's Embassy in Cairo and served as his country's first ambassador there in 1980-1981, speculated that the Arab League will shortly readmit Egypt. He doubted however whether in the foreseeable future the League's headquarters would be transferred back to Cairo from Tunis where they have been located since 1978.

Conceding that relations with Egypt are "lacking something" and being kept at a "very low profile," Ben-Elissar said: "I'm ready to buy this same kind of peace with Syria right away. Cold peace is still something to be appreciated."

Israel currently imports from Egypt more than half its oil requirements — 2 million tons a year. Apart from that, however, trade between the two countries is practically non-existent. Ben-Elissar thought the only recently resolved dispute over the resort and tiny beach strip at Taba was "just an excuse" to keep Israeli-Egyptian ties so terse.

Relations have improved of late though, he said, noting the meeting in January in Paris between Israel's foreign minister Moshe Arens and his Egyptian counterpart Ismail Abdul Megid. The two met again in March in Cairo, followed by talks between Mubarak and Arens. "There is more dialogue today," Ben-Elissar said optimistically.

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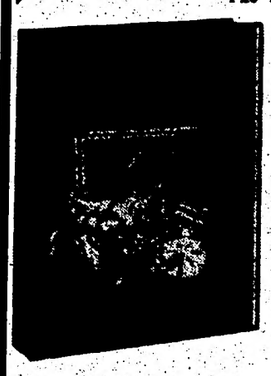

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CJC extends nomination deadline

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The Ontario Region of Canadian Jewish Congress last week voted to extend the deadline for nomination of delegates to the 22nd Plenary Assembly, set for May 7-9 in Montreal.

Following a motion tabled by Naomi Jacobs-Brounstein, the regional executive voted to allow 15 more delegates to be included in the Ontario contingent.

Jacobs-Brounstein reported that, as of last week, only 355 delegates had been nominated. The region has been allocated 370 places, she said.

The 15 places will be filled up on a first-come, first-served basis, she added.

In other reports, Murray Segal told the meeting that Congress's lawyers feel there is little if any hope for procedures through the courts to obtain Ontario government funding for independent Jewish schools.

Segal, chairman of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, a Congress committee, said the committee is pursuing "the political route." OJAEE members have been lobbying Chris Ward, Ontario's minister of education, as well as members of the legislature.

Segal said that if the Jewish community expects to obtain government financing for the Jewish school system, it must contact MPPs through letter-writing campaigns to show them how the Jewish community feels about the issue.

He said obtaining financial support is "a long term undertaking" and there appears little prospect for such funding in the immediate future.

According to Congress spokesman Bernie Farber, approximately 2,000 letters, mostly from parents of children in Jewish schools, have been received by MPPs since November.

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Toronto accountant Eric Slavens has been nominated as Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario Region chairman.

Les Scheininger, chairman of the nomination committee of the Ontario Region, also announced his committee has nominated Charles Zaionz as a national executive vice-president from Ontario Region. Zaionz is currently Ontario Region chairman while Slavens now acts as the regional treasurer.

Elections for these positions will take place on Sunday, May 7 at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

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Intifada frustrates Israeli soldiers

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
Israeli soldiers have been frustrated by the intifada, says Reuben Gall, the former chief psychologist of the Israel Defence Forces, only because the current uprising puts them in situations for which they have not been trained.

In a talk, entitled the Moral Struggle of the Israeli Soldier, Gall, director of the Israeli Institute of Military Studies, said that soldiers have been trained to fight on the battlefield and not act like policemen in villages.

For example, a soldier has a mission to take a hill, he said, the hill is taken and the mission is done. But, he told about 250 people at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, the mission in the territories is not clear. "The intifada did not start for military reasons. There were no Arab armies on the move."

Soldiers are told to maintain order and quiet so the politicians can come up with a solution, Gall said. But a soldier becomes demoralized when the government appears not to be moving towards a solution, he added.

"There are psychological effects from fighting a battle you can't win. How long can a soldier separate a concrete mission from the long term plan?"

Gall said all soldiers become brutalized to some degree by any military duty, and yes, he was troubled to see soldiers behaving aggressively. But the "purity of arms" dictum, the hallmark of the Israeli army which prohibits a soldier to use arms unless absolutely necessary, is strongly enforced in the army, even during the current intifada, he added.

Gall explained that dangerous situations arise for soldiers patrolling hostile demonstrators making it difficult for them to use restraint.

"Imagine being bombarded by stones, curses, and being spat at. As a psychologist, I can tell you, any person in such a situation would get violent."

The intifada has also made it difficult for the parents of soldiers, for soldiers are a little less cheerful when they come back from duty, he said.

"We are proud of our children who serve in the IDF, but we did not prepare them to deal with civilians. Like our children, we may not feel it's the right thing but it is the necessary thing."

Unfortunately, he said, the media only shows examples of excessive force by soldiers. "For every single case of violence, we don't see the hundreds of incidents where our soldiers used the utmost restraint."

The event, sponsored by the shul's adult education committee and the Israeli Soldiers Welfare Fund, was moderated by Ralph Wintrob. Dr. Stanley Greben, Professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto introduced the speaker.

Judaism debate urged

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The question of "Who is a Jew" is, next to the Palestinian problem, the most important issue in Jewish life, says David Hartman, director and founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. He was a rabbi in Canada and U.S. for 19 years before making aliya.

Hartman, an Orthodox rabbi, said religion and the state should be kept separate in Israel but he said he welcomes vigorous debate on the future of Judaism in Israel and the Diaspora.

He said he is the target of unjust criticism from Orthodox groups. "I don't want anyone to sell their soul for the sake of unity," he said. "I don't ask them to compromise their Torah."

Hartman said he is critical of some actions by the Reform and Conservative movements but he agrees with their ideological positions.

"If I am read out of the Orthodox community I want to know who is making the decision," he told a large crowd at a meeting at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

"I don't want secular Zionism to be the substitute for the Covenant," he said. "That's why I live in Jerusalem."

Frequently using humor to press home a point, Hartman said that on El Al aircraft he is now asked, "Do you want kosher or real kosher?" A Canadian friend wrote him recently declaring: "I was a non-observant Reform Jew and I've decided instead to become a non-observant Orthodox Jew."

Recalling Lennie Bruce's statement that being Jewish is not knowing who you are," Hartman said there needs to be discussion in the community of what defines a Jew. "We are a sick people if we let the Hitlers of the world define who we are," he said.

He deplored a tendency in the Diaspora to insist on a consensus before taking action, asserting that the move to avert public disagreements is hobbling Jewish communities.

The meeting was chaired by Sol Lederman, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute, and representing the Canadian Friends of the Institute. The speaker was thanked by Ronald Appleby.

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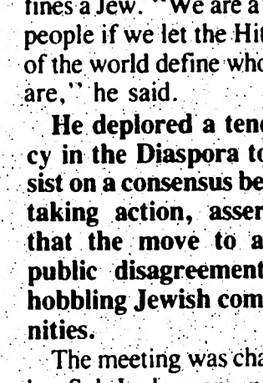
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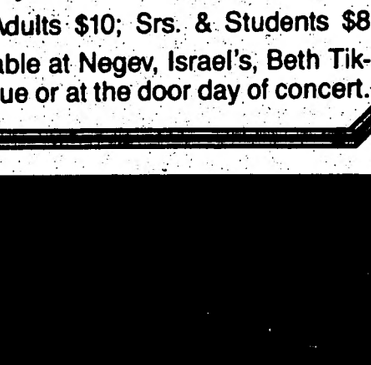
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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE NOTICE

As you know, the regular deadline for the What's New and About People columns is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. However, with Passover starting the evening of April 19, the deadline for both the April 19 and 27 issues is Thursday, April 6.

Thursday, April 6

HESCHEL LECTURE

Heschel, the Man and his Vision, a series of lectures dedicated to **Abraham Joseph Heschel,** continues at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, when **Rabbi Avraham Feder,** rabbi emeritus of Beth Tikvah, examines The Theology and Morality of Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Saturday, April 8

MORE ON HESCHEL

Shabbat services at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 8. **Rabbi Avraham Feder,** rabbi emeritus of Beth Tikvah, will speak on the topic, Heschel and Prayer.

Sunday, April 9

HOLY BLOSSOM BROTHERHOOD

Nature Bats Last - A Perspective on the Environment, will be the subject when Temple Emanu-El's **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld addresses Holy Blossom Temple Men's Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 1950 Bathurst St., on Sunday, April 9. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30 and speaker at 10.**

Please note: Members of the senior Alumni are cordially welcome at all breakfast club meetings.

HADASSAH IN LONDON

Hadassah-WIZO of Canada's Bi-Regional Convention, involving the Huron and Great Lakes regions, takes place in London Ontario, Sunday, April 9 at the Ramada Inn, Hwy. 401. Phone number for the London Chapter is (519) 672-2298.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

Beth Tzedec Men's Club, 1700 Bathurst St., is planning a Pre-Pesach Workshop with **Rabbi I. Beigel,** Sunday, April 9. This is an opportunity to check on all the details and be fully prepared for a joyous and kosher Pesach observance. Services are at 9 a.m. in the Jacob Hendeles chapel, breakfast and program at 9.30 in the mezzanine hall. The community is welcome.

NISHMA TORONTO

Nishma Toronto will meet 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at 32 Dexter Blvd. (south of Cummer, east of Leslie). Love and Marriage will be discussed under the direction of **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht.**

Nishma is an adult education organization devoted to open intellectual Torah study. It currently functions in the New York City area, Toronto and Milwaukee.

Nishma in Canada is sponsored by Shaarei Zion Congregation.

Everyone is welcome. RSVP, 490-9669.

JEWISH COMMUNITY - 140 YEARS.

Community leader and journalist **Ben Keyfetz** will give a historical review of the Toronto Jewish Community on its 140th anniversary, at 8.30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. This is under the auspices of the Yiddish Culture Council and everyone is welcome.

Monday, April 10

KEHILLAT AHAVAT HESED

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed, an egalitarian Conservative congregation, continues its series of Monday evening classes with **Rabbi Sam Weintraub,** entitled The Shabbat Morning Service and Jewish Prayer. Hebrew reading skills are not necessary for this course. For details, call **Miriam,** 633-6837 or **Shawn,** 782-1840.

MONDAY MAGIC

Family Therapy: The Creation of Therapeutic Realities, will be explored by social worker **Stephen Weiman,** at the Monday, April 10 program of Monday MAGIC, which takes place 9.30-11.30 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Monday MAGIC is a women's group that meets Monday mornings (babysitting available from newborns up) at Beth Tzedec.

NORTH YORK DOWNTOWN PLAN

Alan Young, director of long-range planning for the North York Planning Department, will speak on The Evolution and Future Prospects of the North York City Centre. The meeting takes place at the Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Preregister. Telephone 395-5512.

POSLUNS PLAYREADING

The 1989 **Basya Hunter** playreading workshop series at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., will feature ABE and the Absurd, written by **Randy Brown,** on Monday, April 10 at 7.30 p.m.

CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY

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More information will be given during a presentation on Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in North York City Hall, committee room 3 (lower floor).

HOLOCAUST PROGRAM

On Monday, April 10 at 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., conducts a Holocaust program. A candle-lighting service will be followed by speaker **Amon Ajzensztadt, author of Endurance - Chronicles of Jewish Resistancae.**

For more information call the synagogue office, 633-3838.

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To inquire further, phone 781-0359.

Tuesday, April 11

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

On Tuesday, April 11, the T'nach Study Group will examine the Book of Judges, Chapter VI, with **Abe Bohnen.** The group meets 8.15 p.m. at the Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

SENIOR CARE WORKSHOP

For all those interested in becoming volunteer visitors, Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) is sponsoring a creative problem-solving workshop in honor of volunteer week, to be held at 530 Wilson Ave., 3rd floor, Tuesday, April 11. **Marci Segal** will be the facilitator.

Anyone interested in adding to your life skills and in becoming a volunteer visitor, please contact **Arnold Foss** at Senior Care/Community Services to Jewish Elderly, 635-2860. Space is limited.

NCSY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The concluding session of the NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) leadership seminar will be held at the NCSY Centre, 3524 Bathurst St. 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 11.

NA'AMAT IN RICHMOND HILL

Tzafon Chapter of Na'Amat Canada invites all young Jewish women in the Richmond Hill area to attend its next meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 11. The topic will be Passover Cooking.

For more details, call 636-5425 or 737-1492.

REVEAL YOUR HIDDEN SECRETS

Discover what your handwriting can tell about your personality, job potential and physical well-being. A fascinating insight into handwriting analysis will be presented by **Carole Tovell** of the Canadian College of Kinesiography, Tuesday, April 11. This is hosted by Club Dafna of Na'Amat Canada, for single women who are "30-something."

For details, call **Shelley,** 782-9927 or **Paula,** 886-5240.

TROPER/WEINFELD BOOK

Tuesday, April 11 at 8 p.m. in Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., **Harold Troper** will review the book he co-authored with **Morton Weinfeld,** Old Wounds, Jews, Ukrainians and the Hunt for Nazi Criminals in Canada.

The meeting is under the auspices of Beth Sholom Sisterhood.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. Fee is $2.

ATIDEYNU LODGE, BB

Don't miss a fun time on Tuesday, April 11 when Atideynu Lodge, B'nai Brith, gets together for an informative and informal meeting with a guest speaker from the Jewish Archives. There will be elections for next year's executive.

The meeting will be held 7.30 p.m. at the B'nai Brith building, 15 Hove St. All are welcome. Members, $1, non-members, $2.

INTERDATING & INTERMARRIAGE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood general meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday April 11 at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. The program will be a panel discussion on Interdating and Intermarriage, conducted by **Gordon Wolfe,** executive director, Jewish Family & Child Service and **Rabbi Philip Scheim.**

Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, April 12

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE LECTURES

The Workmen's Circle Cultural Committee in conjunction with the North York Board of Education, continues its series of weekly lectures on Wednesday, April 12 at 10 a.m., with a talk in Yiddish by **Prof. Emmanuel Goldberg,** at the Workmen's Circle Centre, 471 Lawrence Ave. (east of Bathurst St.)

The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. To inquire further, contact the Workmen's Circle, 787-1081.

PESACH TRADITIONS

Is there More to Pesach Than Matzoh Balls, an in-depth analysis of the laws and traditions of Pesach, will be provided at the Wednesday, April 12 session of the Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Couples Club. This informal style lecture series led by **Rabbi Abraham Plotkin,** takes place 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., (off

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Thursday, April 13

ONTARIO LUPUS ASSOCIATION

Ontario Lupus Association Coping/Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. These meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and take place at The Ontario Lupus Association, 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401, Toronto, M4W 3P2.

The next meeting is on Thursday, April 13.

For further information, call 967-1414.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

BAYCREST FUN RUN

Get your running gear out and join the 9th annual Speedy-Baycrest Fun Run on Sunday, May 14!

More than 2,300 participants will run, jog or walk the five or 10 kilometre routes. Families can enjoy the entertainment of a mini-carnival and Calypso band. Registration for the run is $12 before or $15 on race day. All funds raised support physical fitness programs for seniors at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

For more information, call the Run Line at 781-8878.

REGISTER FOR HEBREW SCHOOL

Shaar Shalom Hebrew School of the Conservative Synagogue, affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education and United Synagogue of America, announces that registration is now open for the coming school year of 1989-90 for children in junior kindergarten to grade 8.

The school is centrally located at Zion Heights Junior High - 5900 Leslie St. (at Cummer). Principal is **Joseph Klinger.**

The curriculum includes Hebrew, Bible, prayers, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, holidays, music and Israeli folk dancing.

Classes are conducted once, twice or three times a week, depending on the child's grade level.

Assistance in carpool arrangements is available.

For registration, call 738-1321 or 787-0197.

PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

Over 600 Jewish families in difficult situations this year are hoping to enjoy Pesach. National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, urges you to make this possible.

The NCJW Passover Food Drive, organized in conjunction with The Board of Jewish Education and Jewish Family & Child Service, continues to April 9. Food contributions and volunteers to pack and deliver the boxes are needed.

Please call Council House at 633-5100 for further details.

ISRAEL PROGRAM DIRECTORY

Whether you are interested in restoring the Old City of Safed, spending a semester at an Israeli university or milking a cow on kibbutz, the recently published Guide to Three Month to One Year Programs in Israel, is what you are looking for.

Produced by the Jewish Agency's aliya department in conjunction with Israel's ministry of immigrant absorption, the illustrated guide contains information on high schools, kibbutz/ulpan, university, work/study, professional work, Judaic studies/yeshiva, and leadership training programs. The guide also includes contact addresses for the various programs.

Free copies are available through your aliya shaliach, or write to the English Section, Publications Department, POB 13061, Jerusalem 91130, Israel.

FAMILIES FOR PSYCH. STUDY

Families are being sought for psychological study.

Researchers at Toronto General Hospital are looking for participants for a study on maternal depression and child and family functioning. Women who are currently depressed and have suffered from at least one other episode of depression in the past two years AND who are married (or common law) AND who have at least one child between the ages of 10-16 years, are eligible to participate.

The clinical team is also seeking families with no history of psychiatric problems.

Feedback about family functioning and a small remuneration will be provided.

For more information call **Jean,** at 595-4033 or 595-3950.

EGLINTON LODGE

A social musical evening organized by the newly formed joint Toronto Eglinton Lodge of B'nai B'rith, was held recently at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. This special event was conducted by lodge member **Samuel Bernstein,** whose rich repertoire of Yiddish and chassidic songs have delighted numerous audiences throughout the years and enriched our Jewish heritage.

UTS BOOK AND ART SALE

Do you have books which you don't want to keep? Art you'll never hang? Donate them to The Great University of Toronto Schools Book and Art Sale, May 26, 27 and 28.

For pickup at your convenience, please call 391-1671.

FAMILY SEPARATION

Picking Up the Pieces, a group program sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service to help children adjust successfully to family separation, is scheduled to begin the first week in May.

The program consists of a 6-session series of groups for chidren ages 6-8, 9-12, 13-18, and groups for their parents.

The children's groups will be held after school, 4.30-6 p.m. and parents groups, evenings, 6.30-8.30 p.m.

For additional information, contact **Gabor Gellert,** 498-5223.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted for a gift and craft sale under the auspices of Na'amat Canada, to take place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Richmond Hill Lions Club, Yonge St. and Major MacKenzie Dr.

Call 737-1492 or 884-2285.

VOLUNTEER AT TAYLOR PLACE

Explore interesting volunteer opportunities at Taylor Place, located in Don Mills.

This centre offers a wide variety of programs for seniors and would appreciate your volunteer assistance.

For more information, call the North York Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

AVIVA ART SHOW

It's that time of year again. The Aviva Art Show, a selection of contemporary Canadian works, sponsored by Aviva and Aviva B'not Chapters of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, comes to Simpsons Arcadian Court on Saturday, April 15.

A preview of the art continues from April 11-15.

Viewing, together with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 and the auction is at 8 p.m. There is also a silent auction throughout the evening. Coffee and dessert follow the auction. Admission on the evening of the auction is $12 per person.

For further information or tickets, call 886-4802. Tickets will also be available at the door.

NEWCOMERS TO TORONTO

Do you know a Jewish newcomer to Toronto? Jewish Women's Federation will visit newcomers with a welcome basket and information about the Jewish community.

Call **Debbie Estrin,** 635-2883.

JSU/HILLEL & JSF ISRAEL TRIP

Find out about a 5-week trip to Israel sponsored by The Jewish Students's Union/Hillel of University of Toronto and Jewish Student Federation of York University. The tour departs May 8 to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) in Jerusalem. Two weeks will be spent working for Volunteers for Israel, followed by three weeks extensive cross-country touring.

Cost (about $1,700 Canadian) includes return airfare via El Al, bus tour with guide, accommodation (3 star hotels, kibbutz guest houses, some hostels), two meals daily, seminars on current Israeli issues, archeological dig, Masada at sunrise and more.

For additional information call **Karen,** 923-9861 or **Claire,** 736-5179.

RESPONSE TO THE INTIFADA

How Should Canadian Jews Respond to the Intifada? This is the question to be considered at a panel discussion sponsored by Jews for a Just Peace, scheduled for 7.30 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. (on the south side, just west of Bathurst).

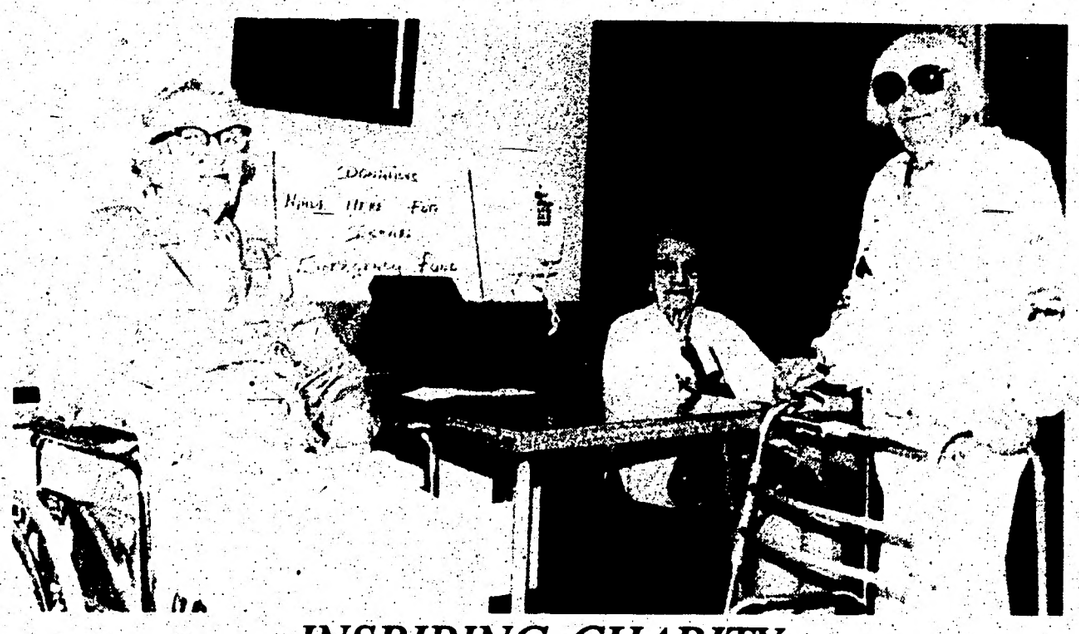
Panelists will be playwright **Rick Salutin, Enrique Tabak,** from Canadian Friends of Peace Now and **Leo Panitch,** professor of political science at York University, as well as a Zionist representative.

To inquire further, call 761-1684.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT FORUM

The Office that Works: a Forum on the Working Environment, May 29 and 30, at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, explores how the design and planning of the office affects the people who work there. It features **Stephen Lewis,** and **Maude Barlow** of the council of Canadians, authors **Barbara Mackoff** and **Shoshana Zuboff** and over 120 other speakers at sessions, luncheons and 30 seminars plus an exposition of the latest office technologies, products and services.

For information or to register, call 869-0141.



INSPIRING CHARITY

At Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, many residents, patients and members give generously to charity — whether it be a great deal or as much as they can. Inspiring charity (tzedakah) in others, are 91-year-old Dora Nish (left) and Bella Kurtzbard (centre) who spend one day a month collecting donations for the Israel Emergency Fund. With them is JHA (Jewish Home for the Aged) resident, Aranka Fersecz, who have just made her contribution.

CHORALAIRS WILL SING

The Choralairs of North York have a busy schedule in preparation for their annual closing concert in Earl Bales Park, Sunday, June 25. A volunteer choir singing for seniors, they will perform at The Wagman Centre, April 11, The Harold and Grace Baker Centre, May 2, The Good Age Show at the International Centre, May 6 and Cheltenham Nursing Home, May 16.

There is no charge for concerts which feature Broadway, pop and folk songs. The June performance includes a $1 raffle, the one yearly fundraising effort which enables continuing operation of the choir. New members are always welcome. Contact **Judy** or **Myer Gordon,** 221-3161.

THE HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

Are you being denied access to your grandchildren? Children have a right to know their heritage, say the members of a group called The Heritage of Children, who are working to ensure grandparents' access to their grandchildren.

For information about this group, call **Abraham Silver** or **Sylvia Lusher** at (416) 656-5408.

BAYCREST TERRACE SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds minyan services week days at 8.30 a.m. and mincha, maariv, at 6 p.m. All unaffiliated persons are welcome.

To inquire further, call 636-4400.

NEWTONBROOK 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Newtonbrook Secondary School invites all former staff and students to the 25th anniversary reunion taking place Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13.

For additional information, contact the school at 223-8441.

TRY SOMETHING NEW

If you enjoy the challenge of learning a new skill and can volunteer two-to-four hours a week, Kids on the Block needs you. This is an established program carrying an educational message to young people and adults about drug and alcohol abuse and AIDS prevention, through the medium of puppetry.

You will be trained for this program. It is easier than you think.

For more information call The Concerned Kids (an affiliate of Kids on the Block), **Joyce Attis,** 488-3304.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress is continuing its videotape documentation project of Holocaust survivors. The project is under the direction of **Paula Draper.**

Currently, the committee is looking for Holocaust survivors who lived in Nazi Germany between 1939-45 and also for survivors who grew up in Nazi Germany between 1933-39.

You will receive a copy of your videotape. The original remains with the Toronto Jewish Congress/Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region Archives. Your testimony will serve as a permanent reminder for generations to come.

For more details and an application form, contact **Mark Freedman,** director, Holocaust Remembrance Committee, at 635-2883.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

John Kim Bell, symphony and orchestra conductor, and founder of the Native Arts Foundation, will address The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto at a meeting in the ballroom of The Royal York Hotel at 2.30 p.m. Friday, April 14.

Born on the Kahnawake Mohawk Reserve near Montreal, Bell is the first North American Indian to become a symphonic conductor. He created the Native Arts Foundation to offer talented Native people the opportunity to study, to develop their talent, perform, and to exhibit their work.

Admission to the Women's Canadian Club meetings is by membership card only. Membership is open to men and women. No sponsor is required. Guest tickets may be purchased at $5 each per meeting.

For information, phone 923-2900.

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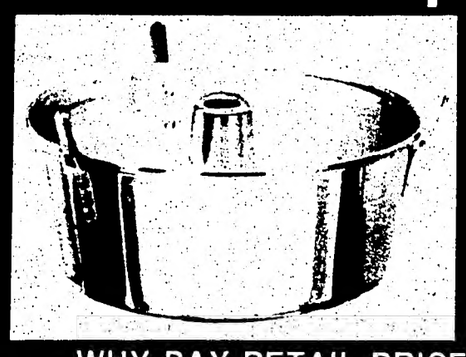

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NCSY PROGRAMS

On Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8, NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) Shabbat Club meets at the BAYT Synagogue, 613 Clark Ave., in Thornhill.

The concluding session of the NCSY leadership seminar takes place at the NCSY Centre, 3524 Bathurst St. 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 11.

Roots program - lectures and discussions on relevant Jewish topics, is scheduled for 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the NCSY Centre.

For more details about NCSY programs mentioned, call the Centre, 782-4426.

PARKDALE REUNION - 100 YEARS

All alumni of Parkdale Collegiate Institute in Toronto are invited to renew old memories and friendships at a reunion May 5-7 at the school, marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of one of Ontario's oldest schools. Plans include a dinner and show on May 6.

For information, write to Centennial Reunion, 209 Jameson Ave., Toronto M6K 2Y3, or phone (416) 393-9000.

PESACH WORKSHOP

Shaareh Haim Synagogue of Richmond Hill offers a 2-part Pesach Workshop to be conducted by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster.** A session on the Laws and Customs of Passover will be held Sunday, April 9 and one on How to Run Your Own Seder, on Sunday, April 16. Both will be given at Roselawn Public School, 422 Carrville, Richmond Hill at 10.30 a.m.

For information, call the synagogue office at 884-3353.

FASHION SHOW

Golden Daffodils, The Canadian Cancer Society Evening Fashion Show presented by Creeds in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W., is all set for Wednesday, April 12. French wine tasting is at 7 p.m., fashion show at 8.30.

Represented in the spring collection will be such designers as **Montana, Chloe, Lempicka, Scherrer** and **Christian Lacroix.** The boutiques of **Krizia, Sonia Rykiel** and **Emanuel Ungaro** will also highlight the show.

Tickets, available at Creeds, 45 Bloor St. W., 923-1000, or at Ticketron outlets, 872-1212, are $50 each.

KOFFLER SCHOOL OF VISUAL ART

Register now for the spring session. The Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art still has openings in the following courses - Ceramics: handbuilding and the wheel; Painting and Drawing with **Tom Hodgson** (morning and afternoon); Stone Sculpture; Potters Wheel for Teens; Life Drawing; Clay Sculpture with a Model; Mixed Media Art for Children (Sundays and Wednesdays) Ceramics for Children (Sundays).

Register now, as enrolment is limited.

For more information, contact **Rose Brinder,** 636-1880, ext. 279.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Coming events at Shalom Village Retirement Home include-

Simcha Sunday, April 9 at 2.15 p.m., which will celebrate the birthdays of **Goldie Lowinger, Esther Marcus, Sarah Pitch and Goldie Sipos.** Guest performers will be members of the Ancaster Kaleidoscope Choir.

On Tuesday, April 18 at 7.30 p.m., the Dundas Concert Band will entertain.

And on Sunday afternoon, April 30 at 2.15 p.m., children from the Kitchener shul will perform a Passover play.

Shalom Village looks ahead to its bazaar, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., on May 24.

NORTH YORK SYMPHONY

Bel canto concerts by the North York Symphony Orchestra, featuring University of Toronto graduate students **Robert Hennig, Suzanne Kompass, Elizabeth Mabee,** and **Jeffrey Carl,** will be held in Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. E., at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and 9. Conductor is **Kerry Stratton.**

Opera excerpts from **Puccini, Saint Saens, Donizetti, Mozart, Verdi, Delibes** and **Bizet,** will be performed. The orchestra will also play **Rossini** and **Berlioz.**

Tickets, $16 and $14, are available from the box office, 491-8877. There is a discount for seniors and students.

WOMEN IN JUDAISM CLASS

The Women in Judaism class sponsored by Shaarei Zion Congregation (6100 Leslie St.) meets regularly on Wednesday evenings at 50 Paul Markway, (Leslie and Steeles) to examine the role of women according to halacha. Using this focus, the participants, both men and women, contrast the duties given to men with those given to women. To inquire further, call 490-9669.

HELENA AND HER MAGICAL BASKET

In **Helena's** magical basket there is a song for everyone from kids' favorites to rock 'N' roll, the Beatles and more.

Helena presents a family concert at 2 p.m., April 8 at the Rivoli, 334 Queen St. W.

There is one free admission with each Helena cassette purchased (available at Judaica stores in the community). Otherwise, tickets are $4 each.

for seniors

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club welcomes you to a general meeting with refreshments in the shul, 100 Elder St., at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Cost is $1 for members, $2, visitors. For more details, call **Bess,** 783-3206.

The Bloor Y Seniors activities this coming week include Monday, April 10, knitting at 10 a.m. from novice to expert and bridge at 1 p.m. (beginners welcome); Tuesday, April 11, fitness at 12.30 p.m., current events discussion at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, April 12, musical singalong at 1.30 p.m.; Thursday, April 13, an excursion to McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg. The bus leaves the JCC at noon and returns at 4.30 p.m. Cost is $3 per person. Reserve with **Beverly Brock,** 924-6211. The Bloor Y branch of the Jewish Community Centre is located at 750 Spadina Ave. For information contact **Beverly Brock,** 924-6211.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club and Fifty, 1700 Bathurst St., invites you to a demonstration of Japanese flower arranging - Beauty for Passover - by **Shizuko Kadoguchi,** at 1.30 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served. Cost to non-members is $1.50.

Labor Zionist Alliance Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. from noon to 4 p.m. All activities are again in full swing and regular luncheon meetings will take place once a month. Plans for the future include a third seder on April 23; a Yom Ha'atmaut tour to Israel, May 3-17, led by **Colonel Yaacov Erez** *and* **Harry Weinstock; a trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskils in July and a variety of outings such as the Stratford and Shaw Festivals. Reservations are now being accepted. For more information phone 630-9444.**

Workmen's Circle Social Club, 471 Lawrence W., will have a special luncheon meeting at noon, Tuesday, April 11 with **Irvin Matlow** representing the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel, and **Rabbi David Monson.** Everyone is welcome. To inquire further call **Shirley Grotell,** 222-7727.

Downsview Services to Seniors will hold its first Health Fair, Tuesday April 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Ct. (between Keele and Jane, north of Sheppard Ave. W.) This event is free to the public. A nutritious lunch will be available at low cost. For more information, contact **Maria Mercone** or **Hilda Wiseman** at 633-9519 Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-4.30 p.m.

The **Association of Jewish Seniors** invites you to its seder on Thursday, April 20 at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Services begin at 7 p.m. and the seder starts at 7.30. Tickets, $12, may be obtained at the Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., or by calling 635-2860. The last day for reservations is April 14. Subsidies are available on a limited basis if required.

Earl Bales Seniors Club looks forward to a dance with a live band on Sunday, April 2 from 8-11 p.m. in the Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Admission is $3 members, $4 non-members. The movie on Wednesday, April 12 at 2 p.m. in the club house is, The Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt (set in the Catskills). Ongoing activities include shuffleboard on Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon; barber service on Mondays 9 a.m.to noon; tai chi on Mondays 10-11 a.m. and ballroom and line dancing on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. The summer trip to The Pines Hotel in the Catskills, is filling up quickly. For reservations, call **Jeannette,** 636-7856. To inquire about all programs, call **Charles Cohen** at 741-4462 or **Mary Gregg** at 633-6184.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, an ongoing support group for widows 55 and over, meets every other Sunday. Leader is **Toby Warsh.** The next meeting is slated for Sunday, April 9 from 1-2.30 p.m. in the library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For further details call 789-5131, ext. 2271.

And, at **The Wagman Centre,** the Wellness Education Group invites you to hear **Dr. Ralph Masi** explain Cancer, Facts and Fallacies, 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 in the assembly room. Register by April 11, phone 789-5131, ext. 2267, to ensure seating. There is no admission charge. The movie Spadina, will be screened on Sunday, April 9 in the assembly room, from 2-3 p.m. On Tuesday, April 4 from 7.30-8.30 p.m., The North York Choraliers will entertain. Coordinator is **Norm Stein.**. The Joy of Theatre planning committee has organized a night at the O'Keefe Centre to see The Magic Flute performed by The Canadian Opera Company, 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11. Call 789-5131, Ext. 2267.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons ages 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening, 7.30-9.30, at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting, a lecture, is scheduled for April 12. There will be no meetings on April 19 and 26, because of Passover. For more information, call **Avraham Leibovitch,** 633-2630.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and living on their own, meets Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m., when **Margaret May,** a volunteer from Roy Thomson Hall, will show slides on The History of Music Halls in Toronto. This is for members only. Fee $1, includes refreshments.

Mostly Music: From Cantors to the Catskills, with **Michael Wax,** is a series which looks at Yiddish theatre, film, religious and klezmer music, Mondays, 1-2.30 p.m. in the synagogue at the centre. The next gathering is April 10.

A trip to The Pines Hotel in the Catskills is slated for Aug. 11-16. Total cost is $525 Canadian, for return fare via air-conditioned coach, insurance, all meals, gratuities, lectures, tournaments, Broadway style entertainment and more. For additional information and registration date, contact **Barbara Zigler,** 225-2112.

Driver Education with **Irving Bell,** gives you a chance to brush up on your driving skills at two in-class sessions, 10.30 a.m. to noon, April 6 and 13, at the Bernard Betel Centre. To register, call **Norma** at 225-2112. now.

at the jcc

JCC North-East Valley is offering a Touch of Camp for children ages 5-11 this Passover break, April 24, 25 and 28, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The program includes sports, trips and workshops.

NE JCC Valley is looking for counsellors for the Passover break program. Application forms may be obtained at The Valley, 7015 Leslie.

The JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., is having a single parent with child program on Sunday, April 9 at 4 p.m. Gather together for a movie, supper and bingo. Cost is $6 per family. Contact **Luni,** 889-0813.

NE Valley Branch invites you to a Spring is in the Air Dance at 7015 Leslie St., 8.30 p.m. Sunday, April 16. Admission is $7 per person.

For information on these NE Valley events, call **Luni,** 889-0813.

This is a last call for the annual **Roslyn Cohen** memorial seder, to be held 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20 at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. Cost is $28 for adults, $18, children, students and seniors. (Supervised play is being arranged for young children). Reservations and payment are a must by Wednesday, April 12. Mastercard and Visa will be accepted. Call 924-6211.

Kids Concert series at the Bloor Y continues with The Travellers, 2 p.m., April 16. Admission is $9 per person. Visa and Master card accepted. Call 924-6211.

North-East Valley Singles Network, 7015 Leslie St., is planning a Passover seder, Wednesday, April 19.

The North-East Valley is offering A Touch of

YAD VASHEM DONATION

Dr. Aaron Jesin (right), of Toronto was at Yad Vashem recently to present a check for $50,000 on behalf of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. Accepting the check is Yad Vashem director Yitzhak Arad and (left) associate director Reuven Dafni. Looking on is one of Dr. Jesin's daughters, Aliza.

About People

SOVIETS HONOR HARRY RASKY

Producer-director **Harry Rasky's** multi-award winning film, Homage to Chagall, has been invited to the Leningrad and Moscow Film Festivals.

It is the first time that a Canadian film has been accorded this honor.

In the spirit of glasnost or openness, Russian-born artist **Marc Chagall,** has finally been accepted publicly in the Soviet Union as one of the greatest artists in the School of Paris and French Expressionism. Last year for the first time, there was a one-man show of his works.

Rasky said, "I am more than pleased and honored to help share in the new spirit of openness. Since the film is also a great spiritual document in which Chagall declares, God is Love, I think it is wondeful that it will now be shared by many people in Russia, the birthplace of Chagall".

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

MYSTERY (mis'terē)- "something that remains secret or unknown so as to excite curiosity." Singles are invited to enjoy delectable dining adventures with a "mystery" theme. (April 9&16. $25). For more info call MYSTERY MAVENS at 225-8084.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents: Fourth Annual Clevelands House **Victoria Day Singles Weekend** (May 19-22). Price includes: 3 nights accommodation, 9 meals, midnight murder mystery, hot tub party, boat cruise, live entertainment, tennis, bar-b-que and much more. $270 until April 10. $280 after.**Optional bus available.** 222-7111.

Total Living Mature Singles invites you to enjoy an evening with our special guest Tovah, Middle Eastern Dancer, at its meeting on Sunday, April 9, 8p.m., at Earl Bales Community Centre. Refreshments. Members $2.00, non-members $3.00.
Re: Catskill Trip- Bring your cheque for bus fare to ensure your reservation.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents Singles Night at **LeClub,** Inn-on-the-Park, (Leslie/Eglinton). Thursday, April 6, 8:30p.m. Door prize: **Dom Perignon.** Cover $8.00, 222-7111.

Chai Singles Spring Frolic Dance (45+). Sunday, April 16th, 8p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Live band for your dancing pleasure. Complimentary wine, refreshments. Come out and bring your friends. $8 members, $10 non-members.

JCC Singles Network is holding their annual first Passover Seder on April 19th, at the N.E. Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Thornhill. Singles, single parents and kids are invited. Cost, $22 adult, $15 children. Reservations and payments must be made by April 11th. Call Luni for more information at 889-0813.

Singles Rendez-vous (25-45). Leah Posluns Theatre- Romantic comedy, Sunday, April 9, 2p.m. show. Details 631-9389.

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Cites growing emphasis on children's rights

Clinical ethicist warns of challenges to brit mila

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
The Jewish community should prepare itself for societal and possible legal challenges to brit mila, ritual circumcision, as children's rights gain increasing recognition, said Benjamin Freedman, clinical ethicist at the Jewish General Hospital.

The community's defence of automatic circumcision of male babies should not be based on any medical benefit because opinion varies, but by showing that its mohelim are professionally competent and can meet the most stringent medical and ethical standards.

Freedman said it cannot be assumed that freedom of religion guarantees will ensure the continued unfettered practice of ritual circumcision, pointing to Sweden's recent banning of shechita, ritual slaughter.

The recent unanimous Supreme Court of Canada decision in favor of a retarded woman who sued her mother because she had her sterilized while she was a minor, has implications for brit mila, Freedman told a conference on Jewish circumcision. The half-day seminar was sponsored by the Board of Jewish Ministers, the Rabbinical Council of Canada, the Allied Jewish Community Services Synagogue-Federation Relations Committee and the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec.

Freedman advised mohelim to standardize procedures required of medical practioners, such as routinely informing parents of the risks associated with circumcision and improving infection and AIDS control.

Hospitals that accredit mohelim must adequately insure themselves against possible liability for malpractice and should be more attentive in issuing accreditation, he said.

Freedman said there is growing emphasis in Western legal systems on children's rights, which puts into question parental consent for surgery that is not medically necessary. It is possible, according to current legal opinion, he said, that a doctor performing circumcision could be charged with assault and the consenting parents with child abuse.

Another participant, urologist Dr. Alex Brzezinski of the Jewish General and Montreal Children's Hospitals, who has worked extensively with mohelim, said, outside the United States, circumcision among the general population has declined dramatically.

Brzezinski said he believes there is no proven medical or hygienic reason for routine circumcision and, in fact, the procedure carries greater risk, including infection, bleeding, disfigurement and even death, than is commonly believed.

He does not put much stock in the recent reversal of the position of the American Academy of Pediatrics on circumcision, as a result of a study showing the procedure may reduce the incidence of urinary tract infection.

He also said that medical opinion is gaining that infants do feel pain, and physiological evidence exists to support that view.

However, the answer today is not pain control because anesthesia is risky for young babies and there is not enough data currently to recommend oral or topical analgesia, he said. Brzezinski said he has found injecting xylocaine, an anesthesia used in dentistry, or marcaine with a dorsal penile block effective in adults, but he has not used it on newborns.

The physician, however, cited the technical competence of mohelim and said those circumcisions which resulted in complications were generally done by doctors not specialized in urology.

He indicated it is unlikely the traditional sip of wine has any effect.

The third panelist, halachic and Talmudic scholar Rabbi Leib Baron said that, in his opinion, there is no halachic barrier to controlling the pain of the baby undergoing brit mila, even with general anesthesia.

He explained that the reason there is no mention in Jewish sources of lessening the pain while performing this mitzvah is that it is "so obvious" the sages probably didn't feel it was necessary.

Toronto seen as lagging in fighting missionary groups

By
DEENA SHERMAN

TORONTO —
Toronto Jews are 'light years' behind Jewish communities in other North American cities in their fight against missionary groups such as 'Jews for Jesus,' says lawyer Gary Wise.

Wise, who did a study on Hebrew/Christian missionaries in Toronto, was speaking at a recent meeting on the subject Missionary Web, Jewish Youth in Peril, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

"While groups like Jews for Judaism have been started in other large North American cities, the Toronto Jewish community downplays the threat, belittling the missionaries as crazies," he told 150 people who attended the meeting organized by Nahon and the Social Action committee of Beth Tikvah.

"The missionaries have increased their profile and their finances here in the past few years and I estimate there are 500 converts in Toronto," said Wise, who would not reveal who retained him to investigate the Hebrew/Christian missionaries.

Wise said that although some progress had been made in the fight against missionaries, what was needed was a committment in time and money.

Responding to the criticism, the director of research for community relations of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Bernie Farber, said such groups as Jews for Jesus had only been in Toronto for three to four years and the CJC had, compared to the United States, reacted relatively quickly to the threat.

Also addressing the meeting was a Jew who had been converted to Christianity by one of the missionary groups, and who later returned to Judaism.

Julius Cyss, a Toronto illustrator, described how, between 1976 and 1981 he came to believe the missionaries' teachings.

"I was brought up with a Jewish indentity by parents who were the only surviving members of their families from the Holocaust. I later assimilated and dated a Born Again Christian who introduced me to a group of Jews who believed in Jesus.

"I went to one of their Friday night services," he said. "There were no crosses in the room, only Tefillin and Hebrew songs. It felt very comfortable," said Cyss who became a founding member of one of the Toronto groups who aim to convert Jews to Christianity.

He said it was the "rampant contradictions" in the New Testament as well as the group's implication that the 6 million went to hell for not accepting Jesus, that led him back to Judaism.

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Planned to celebrate friendship

Dublin's Jewish mayor honored at ethnic lunch

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Question: Why would anyone hold a belated Irish St. Patrick's Day luncheon at an Italian restaurant for a Jewish mayor?

Answer: Friendship.

About 600 Jews, Italians, Irishmen and others attended the unusual event sponsored by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and the Italian Columbus Centre.

The guest of honor was Jewish Irishman Ben Briscoe, the lord mayor of Dublin.

"The event was to celebrate a friendship," said Pal Di Iulio, the Columbus Centre's executive director.

"Hopefully in future years there will be other friendship luncheons."

The $135-a-plate event — which raised about $50,000 for the Hebrew University and Columbus Centre — was held in a large banquet hall garnished in shamrock green and heather white at North York's popular Italian dining establishment, Montecassino Place.

Each table featured balloon centrepieces. Soave Italian kosher wine in green bottles and programs printed in green with the pun "ciaolom" on the back.

As guests savored mouth-watering Italian dishes of pasta and fish, a pianist gently entertained with a repetoire of soft Irish folk songs.

The luncheon was the brainchild of Ron Barbaro, Canadian Operations president and chief executive officer of Prudential Insurance Co. of America.

In an interview, Barbaro, an Italian Canadian, said he conceived the idea last September during a visit to Dublin where he delivered a lecture to financial institutions.

Dublin's mayor Briscoe hosted a dinner in Barbaro's honor and "we sparked a friendship."

When Barbaro, a strong supporter of Jewish charities, learned that Briscoe was planning a North American tour in honor of Dublin's 1,000th birthday, he insisted Briscoe include Toronto and said he would arrange a friendship luncheon.

"I think it was a wonderful event," Barbaro said of the luncheon.

"The feedback has been extremely positive. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had that feeling of camaraderie."

Barbaro was honored by the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University in 1986 with the establishment of a veterinary medicine research grant in his name.

During the luncheon, Briscoe — introduced by TV comedian Johnny Wayne as the "Gretzky of Irish politics" for his popularity and success in the island's feisty politics — told anecdotes about his late father Robert's political career.

Designed coat of arms

His father served in the Irish parliament, known as "the Dail," from 1927 to 1965, and was Dublin's lord mayor from 1965 until his retirement in 1967.

During his mayoral tenure, the elder Briscoe designed his own mayor's coat of arms, incorporating the Star of David and three Dublin castles. The arms' moto was freedom, justice and patience.

Briscoe, who was elected to the Dail in 1965 and became Dublin's lord mayor last year, urged the audience to visit his country.

And: "If you don't enjoy Ireland, it's your fault not ours," he joked.

Before concluding his address, he led the audience in an old Irish song of "Cockles and Mussels."

Dignitaries at the luncheon included Ontario Trade Minister Monte Kwinter, Scarborough Mayor Joyce Trimmer, MPs Joseph Volpe and Jim Peterson, MPP Joseph Cordiano, Metro councillor Dennis Flynn, and city councillors Betty Disero and Tom Jakobek.

The organizing committee included Barbaro, Patricia Starr, Paul Lokash and Toni Varone.

Seen at the recent luncheon are (from left) Ron Barbaro, Dublin Lord Mayor Ben Briscoe, Patricia Starr and Les Scheininger, legal counsel for Canadian Jewish Congress.

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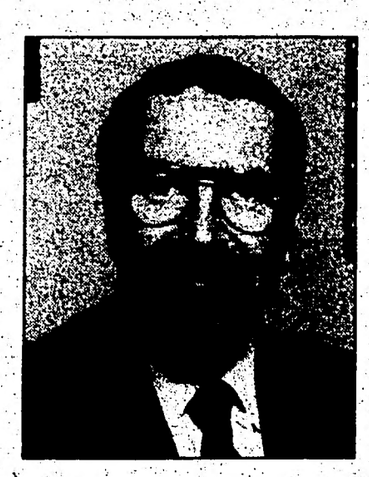

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All elements must be addressed

Religious schools affect character

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —
The core of all religious education is character education, says Seymour Fox, professor of education at the Hebrew University.

The goal of religious education, Fox explained, is never to merely impart an intellectual understanding of a tradition, but to affect the way people live, through affecting their character development.

Fox, who is currently a member of a commission examining the future of Jewish education in North America, made his remarks at York University, where he was the featured speaker for the annual Leonard Wolinsky Lectures.

The professor said that in the Jewish tradition, human character is seen as having three elements — the intellectual, emotional and behavioural. If character education is to be effective, Fox explained, all three of these elements must be addressed equally.

"If any of these three elements becomes dominant, that distorts the character," said Fox. He added that historically, movements within Judaism that insisted on emphasizing one of these elements over the others became divergent sects.

"Of course, all Jewish education makes intellectual demands," said Fox. "The Jewish faith is one that forces people to make [moral] decisions constantly. But, he explained, to do that, a person has to know the principles on which he should base his decisions.

"Intellect alone is a dangerous tool," Fox cautioned. "Intellect can be used to rationalize anything" — even the most horrendous acts. But intellect is balanced through celebrating the inner life of emotions and feelings. "Judaism does this primarily through prayers," he said.

"Prayer sets standards," Fox explained. "You're constantly looking inside and asking through prayer if you're living up to the standards." As an example, he quoted the words, "O Lord guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile," from the conclusion to the Amidah. Jokingly he remarked that this verse always gave him trouble, "because I talk so much."

Overconcentration on prayer also has its dangers, said Fox. "If all you have is prayer, you only have pious sentimentality." This danger is avoided by "the concept of having to translate principles into action" — that is, through developing the third element of human character, the behavioral.

"Only by putting the three (elements) together do you develop the kind of character required," said Fox.

He noted that this model sees character as dynamic, not static, so that to maintain a balance between the three elements, "you have to constantly study, constantly pray and constantly attempt to translate principles into action."

Fox remarked that in a pluralistic democracy, character education can never be the goal of a public school system. "You'd start a war if you tried it," he said, explaining that a consensus on what constitutes good character would be impossible to obtain.

Fox noted that values courses in public schools theoretically deal exclusively with the process of clarifying values, not with their content.

Petah Tikva pays tribute to its late cantor Oziel

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
Over 400 people paid tribute to the late Moses Oziel, one of the founding members of Toronto's Sephardi community, at a dedication ceremony held recently at the Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation where he was cantor for nearly 30 years.

The building, where the congregation is currently located was named the Moses S. Oziel Building in honor of the late cantor who died in a car accident last August.

A scholarship fund has also been established in Oziel's name to further religious studies and Sephardi customs for students, it was announced by Joe Elmaleh, president of the Petah Tikva congregation, during the ceremony.

About 400 people were at hand for the event where numerous eulogies for Oziel were delivered by members of the congregation, as well as by other leaders of the Sephardi community here in Toronto.

Tefillah L'Moshe, a program teaching ancient Jewish melodies from Spain, has also been set up in Oziel's name, it was announced by Elmaleh in his tribute to the late chazzan.

Elmaleh reminded the gathering that Oziel "was a permanent fixture of the congregation for over a quarter of a century," directing services with meticulous care and his powerful voice added beauty to every Shabbat and Yom Tov."

Every family at Petah Tikva was touched by the care, love and understanding of Oziel, who made simchas even happier occasions, he added. "Petah Tikva was his home away from home. He was here for us every day and night, so tonight we are here for him. The dedication of this building is our everlasting tribute to him."

Addressing the gathering in Spanish, Rabbi Amram Assayag, the congregation's spiritual leader, said there was symbolic significance to the dedication ceremony because it was taking place on the Hebrew date on which Moshe Rabbenu had passed away.

Earlier, Assayag told The CJN that Moses Oziel arrived in Toronto in 1962 when there were few Sephardi families, and in addition to being a chazzan, he performed religious duties for which there were no professionals at the time.

Before his arrival here, Assayag said, Oziel was active in the Moroccan Jewish community of Tangier, where he ran a Talmud Torah, led choirs and even assisted clandestine aliya from Morocco to Israel at the risk of his own life.

"He was an excellent teacher of Sephardic liturgical tradition and his passing will leave a big void in our community."

Assayag said the synagogue will still be called the Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation, but the building will be named for Oziel.

Following the eulogy, a brief ceremony took place outdoors in front of the doorway of the building, above which a plaque bearing the name of the synagogue and an inscription of Oziel's name, was unveiled by members of the Oziel family.

The chairman of the event was Meyer Keslassy. Solomon Oziel, a nephew of the late chazzan, and president of Communaute Sepharade du Quebec, also spoke that evening on behalf of the family.

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Call to provide an incentive to join in

Jewish community urged to reach out to young

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Many young people are not getting involved in their Jewish communities because they have never been asked, says the co-chairman of the Business and Professional Division of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's Winnipeg chapter.

"Many more people would become involved given a little incentive to do so," said Howard Morry, a 29-year-old lawyer. "You can't just ask people for money. Just about everyone we have asked has become involved in our Division.

"If somebody with even the smallest commitment to Judaism is approached by an organization at the right time to become involved, they usually will and they will probably become active in other areas of the community as well."

For Morry, that time came with joining the law firm of Asper Buchwald Henteleff. The firm strongly encourages its lawyers to be active in the community. The principal partners, I. H. Asper, Harold Buchwald and Yude Henteleff, are particularly active in the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Friends.

In December, 1985, Morry was invited to an organizing meeting of the new Business and Professional Division. He was impressed with what Asper said at the meeting about the importance of the Hebrew University in the development of Israel and decided to become involved.

Morry had long had an interest in Israel. Raised in what he describes as a traditional North End Jewish family, he received a Peretz School education.

In Israel for the first time after finishing first year university, he visited his relatives and developed a strong attachment to the country.

But, as with most young people, university and establishing a career come first. While still in high school, Morry developed his master plan. His goal was to be a lawyer specializing in tax and commercial law. To that end, he prepared himself by earning a degree in commerce first and working in a CA office part time.

He also honed his writing skills. At age 20, he walked into the offices of the old Winnipeg Tribune and got himself a job as a music and entertainment columnist. He currently writes the Canadian Friends Midwestern region newsletter and handles public relations and press releases.

The original purpose in the formation of the Business and Professional Division was to generate future leadership for the organization but the new body soon took on a life of its own. Through its educational seminars, fund raising projects and its yearly social evening at The Marble Club (which, Morry says, has become the premiere young Jewish adult event in the city), it has become possibly the most visible young Jewish adult group in Winnipeg with a current membership of about 350.

Morry gives much of the credit for the new Division's success to Amikam Shuv-Ami, executive director of the CFHU in Winnipeg whom he describes as "a catalyst and a guiding light" in shaping the organization's direction.

The Division, Morry reports, tackles controversial issues such as Ukrainian-Jewish relations. It is planning evenings soon on Israel and the Media, and Jewish relationships and Marriage in the 1990s. "We're not just a fund raising body," Morry says. "I see our duty as furthering the educational mission of the Hebrew University."

Through their involvement in the Division, Morry and other young people are taking their place in other community activities. Last summer, Morry and his wife were invited to join the Yachdav Young Leadership Mission to Israel. He has also become active in the annual Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah dinner and in fund raising for the Combined Jewish Appeal.

"Although my generation is more willing to be openly critical of Israel, that doesn't mean we care any less about Israel than our parents," he says. "We are willing to work just as hard for Israel given a little prodding from the organization."

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TORONTO —

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Seen at the recent sod turning are (from left) Dr. John Cole, David Lerner, Lou Melamed, Gino Matrundola and Dr. Brian Feldman. [Graphic Artists photo]

BB breaks ground for seniors building

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Pelting rain failed to dampen spirits at a recent B'nai B'rith Canada sod turning ceremony for a new senior citizens apartment building.

About 60 people braved the fierce weather to attend the event held at a muddy 2-acre construction site on Bathurst St. three blocks south of Sheppard Ave.

The $16 million project, being built by BBC, is expected to be completed in May, 1990. It will house dozens of seniors over 60 years of age in 164 1- and 2-bedroom units. Most of the suites will be subsidized by the provincial government.

"B'nai B'rith is benevolence, harmony and brotherly love — people helping people," Dr. Brian Feldman, BBC president, told the crowd huddled under umbrellas.

"This project in front of us embodies the essence of the B'nai B'rith philosophy."

David Lerner, BBC's national chairman for senior citizen housing, said the project is BBC's second senior citizen residence in Toronto and "we are looking to expand our participation in the care and housing of the elderly."

Nathan Nagler, senior citizens housing chairman for BB International, said BB is playing a key role in providing reasonable housing for seniors.

"As the opportunity for the elderly to find comfortable, affordable, safe housing becomes increasingly difficult, B'nai B'rith around the world, and especially in Canada, is taking the lead to help alleviate the needs of the elderly," said Nagler, who is from New York.

"And as we build for the now — this afternoon — we know that the challenge will loom even larger in the years ahead."

The project — at Reiner Rd. across from Earl Bales Park — will include 20 apartments for disabled residents, a day care centre and social and recreation facilities, Lerner said.

It is being funded by the provincial government.

The federal government has also insured a loan of $15.1 million, as well as providing an annual subsidy of almost $1.3 million for the next 35 years to help keep occupancy costs reasonable. Alan Redway, minister of state for housing, announced in a telegram.

The telegram was read by ceremony host Lou Melamed, who is an executive member of BBC's senior citizens' committee.

Other speakers included Rabbi Erwin Schild, of Adath Israel Congregation; Alderman Irving Chapley, of North York; Dr. John Cole, MP for York-Simcoe; Gino Matrundola, MPP for Willowdale; and Ontario Housing Minister Chaviva Hosek.

Israeli teachers praised

SOPHIE ROGERS of Peterborough, Ont. sends a public message of praise to MEIR and JUDITH HADDAD, Israeli teachers at the Neptune branch of Associated Hebrew Schools in Toronto. The Haddads, who are in Canada for a 2-year stint, have been travelling to Peterborough every Sunday to give children a 2-hour instruction session consisting of one hour of music and one hour of Hebrew. That, Rogers says, is the extent of Jewish Sunday School in the city.

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The melodies from our Purim program are still buzzing in my ear. Where to begin? The miracle happened again, as it always does. How wonderful to see and hear our dozen or so children dressed in their Purim costumes participating so joyfully. And how wonderful to see their parents and some grandparents "shepping naches" as they watched the children.

All this couldn't have happened without both of you packing so much in the two hours you give these children. The program was there for everyone to see.

Your work and your energy could only be called, "Rescue Operation Peterborough." As young parents yourselves, you understand very well the need to rescue Jewish children no matter where — certainly Ethiopia, Arab countries, the Soviet Union, but not least, even here in Canada, in Peterborough.

Surrounding every large city such as Toronto, are dwindling small communities, with but a handful of Jews remaining. Can you imagine how many teachers like you Judith and Meir are needed to encourage young parents to demand teachers to rescue their children.

These people are here in these "fahvorfene shtetlach" not because of choice, but rather that there is work for them, where they teach, or run small businesses. And the children? How can tired young parents drive into the big city on a Sunday to attend a Sunday School where they don't know anyone?

Your program of Hebrew songs, dances, holiday plays, and Hebrew language is unique. It is a model for everyone to see. Students in Toronto should be encouraged to come to Peterborough to see your work. Who knows, but that they might want to become teachers like yourselves. And Israeli students must become aware of the needs of Canadian communities and encouraged to come here for a year or two, benefitting them as well.

I could go on and on.

After one week's rehearsal for the Purim play, it was a miracle to see the children saying their lines. And for the audience seeing the teacher directing and singing on stage, off stage, and the concentration and joy of the children is certainly an indication of the great effort both of you made in making it happen.

Again, all my love to both of you and your children.

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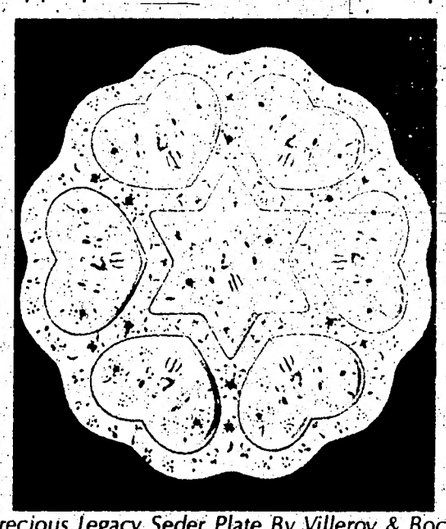

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Organizations and People

Help rebuild Jewish people

Women seen as having noble place in Judaism

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Women have the responsibility and special ability to build a Jewish home filled with the Divine Presence, says New York lecturer Rebbitzen Chaya Grunwald.

Through selfless devotion to her family and home, women will build a place for the Shechina to rest, and thus help rebuild the Jewish people as a whole, Grunwald told over 100 women at a lecture at Torath Emeth Congregation sponsored by the Meginei Chana organization.

The place of women in Judaism is a noble one, Grunwald said. "The sages say G-d gave the Torah first to women, because they are blessed with bina, a special intellect, intuition and insight."

Also, she said, when Moses asked for donations to build the mishkan, the place where the tablets of the law were kept, the women, who had refused to rebel against G-d's authority by giving their jewelry for the golden calf, were the first to arrive at the appointed place with their gifts.

"They didn't entrust their finery to their husbands, as they might have been expected to do. They wanted to be sure that this time it was going to the right place. Women can see where the priorities lie."

As an aside, she said that Rosh Chodesh, the celebration of the new moon, was given to women as a reward for their refusal to accept the golden calf.

The attitude of women, she said, sets the tone for the household. "If a husband is sent off to work with a smile and a kind word, and the children with a good breakfast and a kiss, think how much better their day will go."

She urged women to realize that happiness does not come from external things, but from within themselves. "If the laundry and housekeeping seem too much for you, think how you would feel if you had no one to do laundry for, or no house to look after."

She deplored the modern desire to run away, to leave the children with a nanny and "get away from everything. What are they getting away from?" she demanded.

Happiness, she said, comes from giving, not from demanding and taking, and especially not from running away from one's responsibilities.

A woman, she asserted, must know her place, which, she said, is to support her husband. "Since we have no Temple, a man is a cohen (priest) in his house, and a woman enables and encourages him to fulfil that role."

Selfishness and egoism, she said, puts a barrier between people and G-d. "Women must be prepared to sacrifice their own desires to build a truly Jewish home."

If women look up to their husbands as the master of the house, as they should, said Grunwald, then there will be harmony in the home.

She told the audience that the ritual font in which the priests washed themselves before serving in the Temple was made from the mirrors given by the women, that most personal of a woman's possessions.

Just as the Temple service could not take place without using this font, she said, so a Jewish home,and thus the Jewish nation, can not survive without the self-sacrifice of women.

Grunwald acknowledged that her remarks run contrary to modern day women's lib philosophy. But she urged women to return to the ideals and ways of the past, which, she said, offer the right path for Jews to follow.

Police Ethnic Relations Unit strengthens community ties

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The Metro Toronto Police Force is on constant lookout for incidents of racism and discrimination in the city, says a police constable with the Ethnic Relations Unit.

"We have about 25 constables who go into the community and aid visible and non-visible minorities," said Howard Clement at a recent breakfast meeting of the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood.

Clement, 28, who worked six years as a uniformed policeman, now works on the Jewish section of the ethnic relations unit. "My function is to go into the Jewish community and let people know that the police force is working for them."

He said that another large part of his job is to educate other policemen. "A lot of officers have no understanding of the Jewish community. I spend a lot of time teaching them."

Clement told the group that although police cannot arrest anyone for distributing hate literature they can draw it to the province's attention. "The Ontario Provincial Police have a Project Hate that looks at hate propaganda. If I receive any hate literature I send it to Project Hate which in turn turns it over to the attorney-general. There is cooperation between all departments."

Clement noted that "for some reason Toronto is the main centre of hate literature in North America. I go into the community to retrieve it and then try to get charges laid," he said.

When asked what percentage of crimes are committed by Jews, Clement said that it is a myth that Jewish people aren't lawbreakers. "They commit as many crimes as any other group. Their crimes, however, are predominantly white collar crimes such as fraud or embezzlement. "When someone commits a crime it doesn't matter who they are. They are all dealt with the same."

Clement said that other ethnic units on the police force include Black, Chinese, South Asian, and Italian. "There are 65 languages spoken on the force including Hebrew, Arabic, Urdu, Hindi, Italian and Spanish."

He said that whenever a crime is committed that seems to be racially motivated, the ethnic squad is called in. "We attempt to deal with all problems that arise due to racism or discrimination."

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Weizmann Institute studying solar energy alternative

Canada seen wasteful using energy resources

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —
"The ultimate consequences of the greenhouse effect could be second only to nuclear war," says Kirk Dawson, director general of the Canadian Climate Centre of the Atmospheric Environment Service of Environment Canada.

Dawson was one of three panelists at a recent symposium on the greenhouse effect jointly sponsored by the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Ontario Science Centre.

The Institute in Rehovot, Israel is one of the world's leading centres for the study of solar energy — an energy source that does not produce carbon dioxide gas, which is a major cause of the greenhouse effect.

Greenhouse effect increasing

The evening included a video presentation about the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research at the Institute.

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The facility is capable of generating three megawats of solar energy and is used for conducting experiments that can be done nowhere else in the world.

Prof. Mordeckai Magaritz, senior scientist, environment and geology in the Institute's isotope research department explained the connection between reliance on fossil fuels such as oil and the greenhouse effect.

Certain gasses reflect radiant heat back to earth, increasing the planet's surface temperature, he said.

With the greater concentration of "greenhouse gasses" in the atmosphere, there is a greater amount of heat.

The greenhouse effect does occur naturally and, said Magaritz, without its warming influence, the earth would be uninhabitable.

But since the industrial revolution, the concentration of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, most notably carbon dioxide, has increased markedly and consequently, the earth's temperature has also begun to increase, the Israeli scientist added.

How high the concentrations of carbon dioxide will eventually reach "is up to humans" and their choices about energy uses, Magaritz said.

Ian Burton, professor of geography at the University of Toronto and director of the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced study, said that the effects of a slight warming of the earth's average temperature will include an increase in the frequency of extreme weather such as cyclones, hurricanes and drought, as well as a rise in sea level that would affect low-lying areas.

Burton said, "We are already committed to some degree of warming. We cannot reverse it." But he added that even with current technology, we can reduce carbon dioxide emissions by using energy more efficiently.

Of all the industrialized countries, though, Canada's ratio of gross domestic product to its energy requirement is the worst, said Burton, indicating that Canada is more dependant on burning fossil fuels in order to maintain its standard of living than are other industrialized countries.

The moderator of the panel was Joe Cote, host of CBC Radio's Metro Morning. The program chairman was Colin Craig, vice-president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

Prof. Mordeckai Magaritz (second from right) chats with (from left) Ian Burton, Colin Craig, Joe Cote and Kirk Dawson.

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Situation seen worsening for Ethiopian Jews

By
DORIS STRUB EPSTEIN

TORONTO —

Ethiopia's "villigization" program in which inhabitants of small villages are being forcibly settled in larger ones in the famine-stricken country is raising fears for the future of the remaining Jews there.

Susan Soberman, a Torontonian who has spent the last two summers teaching English to Ethiopian children in Israel, gave a talk at Holy Blossom Temple recently in which she spoke of the grim plight of the Jews in Ethiopia.

Susan Soberman with Ethiopian Jewish students in Israel.

Some 10,000 to 15,000 Jews living in approximately 70 Jewish villages remain in Ethiopia, Soberman said, adding there is concern that their situation is worse than before Operation Moses, the airlift to Israel four years ago when many Ethiopian Jews were rescued.

She said that Avi Bitew, social worker and Ethiopian Jew working with fellow members of his community in Israel, told Soberman that the government is dividing the Jews among different villages. "If there are 400 families in a village that the government built, 10 or 20 of them have to be Jews. So we are afraid of the assimilation, he said. "Maybe by the next 10 or 20 years, we will not find Jews there."

Bitew told Soberman that more than 1,000 Jewish families have left their villages and are staying now in Addis Ababa, hoping to come to Israel. They can't work because they don't have the necessary identity cards for the country's capital.

Children, many brought out by older brothers and sisters in Operation Moses, wait for their parents in Israel. Many, such as Bitew, are convinced that the Beta Israel will never be fully abosrbed into Israel as long as they are suffering guilt and anguish waiting for their relatives.

Leading members of the Ethiopian Jewish community are urging Jews around the world to speak out. "Positive lessons must be learned from the campaign for Soviet Jewry," Soberman said. "The unique intertwining of quiet diplomacy and public advocacy has proven very effective."

Soberman urged people to encourage the Canadian government to put pressure on the Ethiopian government to allow immigration and unification of families.

For more information, call Debbie Molot at Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews: at (416) 782-2546, or (416) 782-9601.

Propaganda called effective

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —

The Palestinians have directed a strong propaganda effort toward Jewish university students, and it has worked, says Martin Hyman, national director of the Jewish Students Network-Canada.

Hyman made his remarks at a recent Discovery Mini-Seminar on Israel sponsored by Aish HaTorah. Other speakers included Israeli Consul Oren David.

Hyman said, "The Palestinians have successfully (changed almost) every Jewish student in Canada from being an Israel supporter to an Israel doubter."

He said that Peace Now is by far the strongest Jewish student group in Toronto. For a rally protesting Israeli government policies, Peace Now can regularly mobilize 100 students.

David said Israel is willing to negotiate with representatives of the local Palestinians in Judea and Samaria and Gaza but not with the PLO.

"Any willingness to talk to the PLO signals that terrorism works," said David. "The PLO has been the world's leading terrorist organization for the past 25 years . . . When it comes to terrorism, the PLO wrote the book."

David asserted that the PLO's aim remains what it has always been — to destroy Israel. He quoted several Palestinian notables, including Sheikh Abd Al-Hamid A-Saiyeh, the Speaker of the Palestinian National Council, who said on Dec. 22, 1988 that if the PLO succeeds in establishing a state in the West Bank and Gaza, that would not prevent it from trying to conquer Israel.

David said that a Palestinian state would be worse for Israel than the intifada has been. "As bad as the situation is now, it's the better of two evils," he said.

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Fashion

U.S. designer gives fund stylish hand

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Toronto rolled out the red, white and blue carpet for Carolyne Roehm, one of America's hottest designers, at a recent benefit dinner and fashion show.

A crowd of 350 paid $400 a plate to attend the event, with proceeds going towards The Genesis Foundation, a University of Toronto-based organization specializing in research in female health care.

Roehm's newly-exalted status was evidenced by the high media interest, as camera crews and print reporters anxiously awaited entrance to the ballroom, while the paying guests enjoyed a late dinner.

Roehm has truly come into her own since her first collection in 1985, after a 10-year apprenticeship served under Oscar de la Renta. But her high profile owes at least as much to her social persona as to her designs.

Married in that same year to Henry Kravis, a spectacularly wealthy New York businessman whose firm specializes in leveraged buyouts (aka corporate raiding), Roehm has become a darling of the social set, earning nearly as much print as her friend, Ivana Trump.

The couple's multi million dollar apartment on Park Avenue has been the subject of many a fawning magazine spread, and their highly-public lifestyle is documented as often as her collections. Roehm's comparatively humble origins in Missouri add more lustre to what is seen as a golden culmination of The American Dream.

For her Spring 89 collection the designer has wrapped herself in the flag, with an "Ode to America" theme which she has called a gift to her husband, who campaigned actively for George Bush in the fall election.

Roehm describes the mostly red, white and navy collection as "streamlined, modern, and American" and says it reflects the energy of the New World, rather than drawing from European sources.

Eschewing detail for clean lines and simple patterns, the designs flow nicely, flattering the female form without constricting. Large gold buttons accentuate the solid colors, with daffodil yellow and mallard green adding spice to the three primary choices.

There are no mini skirts here — Roehm says she designs for women, not girls — and pants, culottes and jumpsuits are mainstays of the collection. The wide-legged, high-waisted pants topped with vests, halters and swingy jackets are well-suited to the season.

Roehm's couture line was the best showcase for her lean style — minimal clutter and maximum effect. The bias-cut silk crepe dress with asymmetrical stripes, in white and navy stunned with its simple but rivetting appeal.

Roehm says she only makes personal appearances when a charity is involved, and The Genesis Foundation, which brought Oscar de la Renta to town last year, is a success story in itself.

Founded by Dr. Walter Hannah, chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the U of T, the foundation began by raising $400,000 from 80 committed people, most of them from faculty members at the university.

The birth of Genesis was certainly not premature. Hannah and his colleagues were frustrated. Despite the fact that one-third of all hospital admissions were for obstetric or gynecological reasons, only three percent of medical research funding was marked for those areas.

With his influence and contacts, the doctor was able to assemble what Genesis says is the largest clinical base of any health-science facility in North America, with seven different teaching hospitals committing resources.

The foundation funds research projects looking into a wide array of female health issues — infant mortality, recurrent miscarriages, sexually transmitted diseases, premature birth, ovarian cancer and menopause among them.

The marriage of The Genesis Foundation with high-profile women's fashion designers and the crowd they attract seems a fitting one and the second annual event should be a precursor to many more. But with research fund availability from government sources shrinking, the quest for funds is an ongoing one. For more information on the foundation, call 978-2667, or write to 92 College Street, Toronto M5G 1L4.

Carolyne Roehm's couture line is a showcase for her clean style. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

Roehm wasn't built in a day

By
MARIE MOORE

Although most women who read this story may never be able to afford a Carolyne Roehm gown, many would love to sweep into Sharon Batten's boutique at Hazelton Lanes, select the most elegant, elaborate, expensive Roehm in stock and box it.

That's the magic, that's the key. Roehm creates more than an outfit, she creates dreams come true.

There is really no better formula for success in her field than living the life of grandeur within which Roehm exists.

After all, surrounded by her interest in art, languages, opera, ballet and cooking, an extraordinarily ornate apartment in one of *the*most expensive real estate developments in New York, a social calendar that would send the royal family's heads spinning and a $7 million annual fashion empire that spawned in the talent pool at Oscar de la Renta's salon, is anyone really surprised to find that Roehm does not concern herself with outfitting the average housewife for her weekly trip to the grocery store?

Her pursuit of beauty and quality has resulted in exquisitely made, luxurious and feminine clothes. Her commitment to work results in eight collections annually, extensive travel throughout the United States and Europe as well as serving as president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

Yet, while all of this is really most impressive on paper, there is an element of character in Roehm which is rarely reflected in print.

It goes much deeper than her support of needy charities or foundations; it goes beyond her professional courtesy to unknown member of the foreign press. It extends to anyone who would even dream of wearing that fashion fantasy perched in the window at Sharon Batten boutique.

Underneath it all, Roehm is a woman who's just as concerned about her vulnerabilities as you are.

When visiting Toronto recently for the Genesis Research Foundation show, Roehm agreed to a hasty interview with The CJN. The questions and her full responses are printed below.

How do you feel about participating in the Genesis fund raiser?

"As you know, I try to be very actively involved with several different organizations in New York. I have always said that if I was going to get involved with personal appearances, it would have to be with a cause that benefitted either the arts, education or health. For example, I support children's cancer research foundations and others like it.

"I know that I have been very lucky in my life and I feel it's important to give something back ... and, of course as a woman, and especialy as a working woman, anything to do with the progress or development of women in general is extremely interesting to me.

"Now from what I've read about Genesis, I know that this group is involved with a cause that I am intrigued with. You know, I

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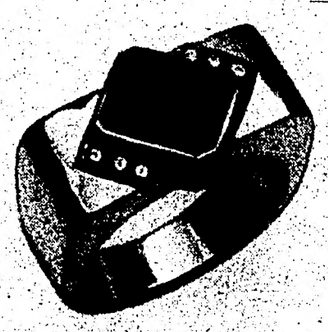

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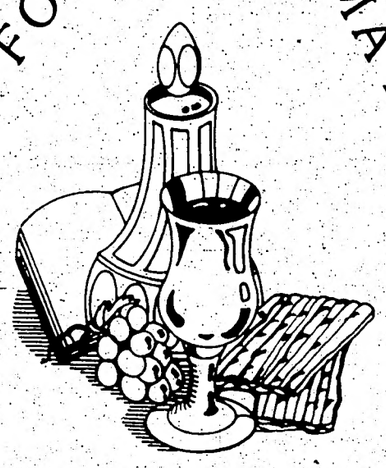

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Roehm paid dues with de la Renta

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really do have a serious interest in becoming a mother some day and I am naturally concerned about the fact that, at my age, that might lead to health complications.

"I am also aware that if I should have children, the biological aspects of motherhood and womanhood will affect my life as long as I live. I find that though somewhat intimidating, which is one of the reasons why I am happy to be here supporting this cause."

In so many ways, you seem to have linked with or followed in the footsteps of de la Renta. Did you know he was at the Genesis gala last year?

"Yes, actually. He was just telling me all about it on the phone. We have become very close over the years, as you can imagine after working so closely for so long (she worked for him for 10 years), we've become great friends.

"Strangely enough, most journalists have expressed their surprise at how different my clothes are from his.

"As his assistant, it was my job to reflect his approach to fashion and people naturally associated my name with his style. And yet, right from my very first collection, even I was very much surprised by the differences that emerged so quickly. In that respect, we have become very separate entities."

How many fashion shows do you participate in each season?

"Well, the Genesis show will be my last spring event. I have recently returned from Los Angeles and I am already confirmed to be back there to show the fall collection. I average between eight to 15 shows per season — that is the two main collections of spring and fall — and doesn't include the smaller groupings."

Where are your clothes available in Canada?

"At Sharon Batten in Hazelton Lanes and a smaller sampling at Holt Renfrew."

Will you expand your Canadian market?

"I am such a lucky one to have a great champion in Sharon. Quite frankly, I will not pursue other stores in Toronto. I'm a big believer in building things gradually. I like to work with a small handful of people and get to know them — then increase, when the time is right.

"To be honest, I'm not really familiar with Canadian stores or the Canadian markets, but I might expand to other cities in the future."

How about a Fall 89 preview?

"This Fall will be very, very pared down at Carolyn Roehm. After years of glitter and pouf from the Reagan influence, I believe George (Bush) and his wife (Barbara) will influence us with very wearable and quieter clothes.

"Also, because fabric has become so expensive, I believe we must offer more longevity in our designs. Because of this, I intend to focus on a more classic look ... but without the boredom.

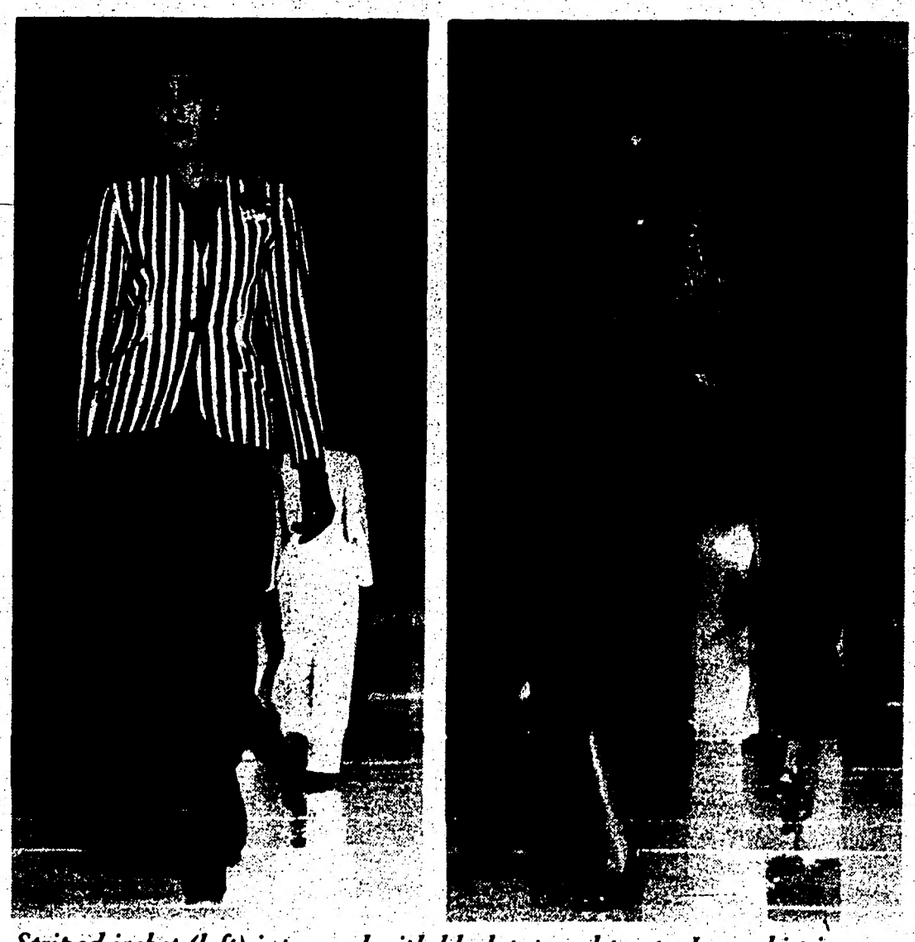
"Color will be very important for me next season. Black has always been my staple and there will be a certain amount of it in the fall groupings, but actually I will show less black than in any previous collection.

"However, I will use very sophisticated color — what I like to refer to as the paint colors. These are not the primary tones that will frequent many designer runways. They are sienna, burnt umber, canard blue, shades of roses and berries, and a rich mallard green."

What form will they take?

"My lines will emphasize a lean flowing, fluid silhouette. Because of this simplicity and because of the emphasis on classic looks without boredom, accessories have become important.

"I love shoes, jewelry, belts and scarves. With my clothes becoming more classic, these items will become an essential part of the collection, so I will focus on them more and more."



Striped jacket (left) is teamed with black top and pants. Long skirt is worn with a striped top. (Marie-Josee Crete photos)

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Woolmark award kicks off ...

By
MARIE MOORE

In her opening remarks at the Festival of Canadian Fashion's gala performance, Canadian fashion commentator Marina Sturdza praised the creative force behind the concept.

"Six years ago Steven Levy and Martin Rumack had a dream ...today their dream is a reality.

"It is always difficult to join so many aspects of any one industry together but especially the fashion industry where change is a constant. It is even harder in Canada where a relatively small audience is spread over such a vast area," she said.

"Fashion is in a sense a product with no shelf life. It is volatile and not always rich in financial rewards. We are here tonight because we share a passion for inovation and talent."

Sturdza, who in leaving for New York shortly to assume her new position as vice-president of development for Oscar de la Renta, was gracious in her welcome to foreign buyers, the media, Festival staff and designers. She stated that foreign interest in the event was generated because "great fashion recognizes no boundaries."

She also praised The Globe's domino magazine for its continued support of The Wool Bureau Show, reminding attending media that "more than any other industry, we in fashion are dependent on the press. Magazine and newspaper coverage are essential for the business of fashion and we are proud to be associated with a publication tonight which has become in just three editions international in inspiration."

After the traditional political speeches in which Premier David Peterson quipped on Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton's "questionable attire" — he was wearing a typical Bay St. business suit — and representatives of all levels of government spoke on behalf of their supporting in-

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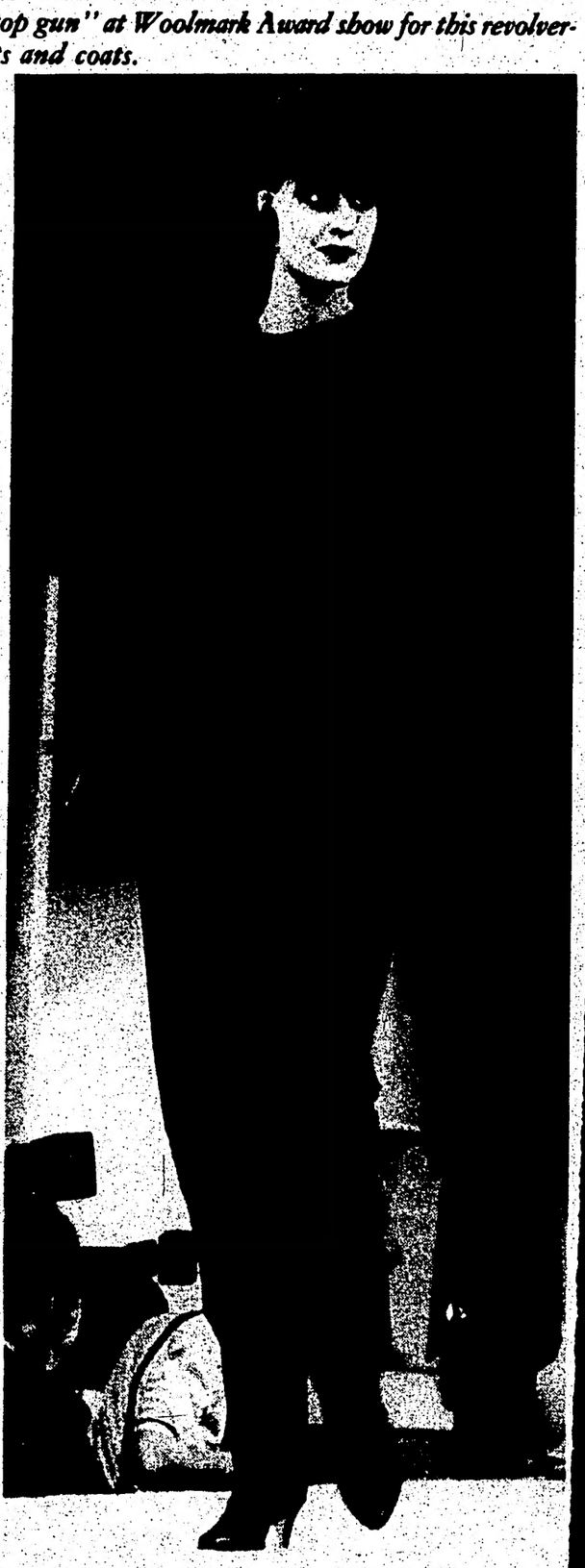
Pierre Poisson was the "top gun" at Woolmark Award show for this revolver-motif grouping of pants and coats.



Peter Lam teamed narrow, tapered pants with a navy and green jacket that features triangular accents. (Marie-Josee Crete photos)

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... Festival festivities

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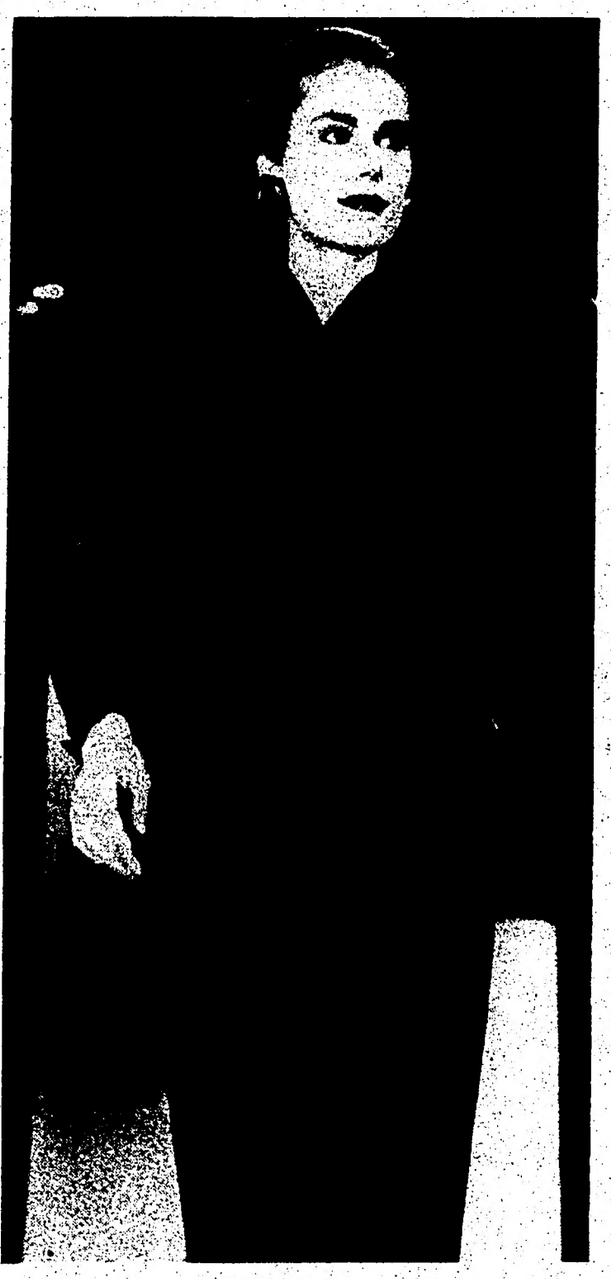
terests, the audience settled in for The Wool Bureau Show.

The Woolmark Award presented by the Wool Bureau of Canada was created to honor Canadian fashion design talent.

"The objectives of the Woolmark program are to foster and develop creative excellence in fashion design in Canada by providing a forum for designers to gain exposure for their work. In this our third year we are very proud of our achievements," stated Ross Henry, president of The Wool Bureau.

Ten designers selected as finalists last fall vied for the prestigious title. Bent Boys, Roger Edwards, Peter Lam, Tu Ly, Pat McDonagh, June No, Lucy Pappano, Pierre Poisson, Alain Thomas and Mary Van Osch each produced a collection of women's Woolmark clothing especially for the event.

The winner was determined by a panel of five judges: Leo Chevalier, president, Leo Chavalier Ltd., Montreal; Sebastien de Diesbach, president, Promostyl International, Paris; Iona Monahan, fashion editor, Montreal Gazette; Maria Leon, co-owner and vice-president merchandising, Leon, Vancouver, and Dawn Mello, president, Bergdorf-Goodman, New York.



Strategically cut solid chiffon top by Roger Edwards is worn with his straight, wide winter pants.

Judging was based the following criteria, all equal in importance: originality of style and creative interpretation; salability in the Canadian market; choice and use of fabric, and effective use of color.

Competition was tough. During the presentation audience members seemed most impressed with Ly, No, Pappano and Thomas, whose mustard mallard and navy collection was absolutely fabulous.

Other than Thomas, this writer suspected that Toronto's Lam, who presented layered checks with solids and tweeds in navy, cream and green as well as sunburst and sunrise patterned navy and silver lame dresses, might scoop the prize.

Other strong contenders were No for her unique ability to combine leather with wool and BC's Van Osch, who could have scored the highest points based on the salability factor.

However, judges surprised many audience members with their decision to choose a young, free-spirited approach by fashion renegade Poisson, whose revolver motif in black slashed across taupe and cream separates.

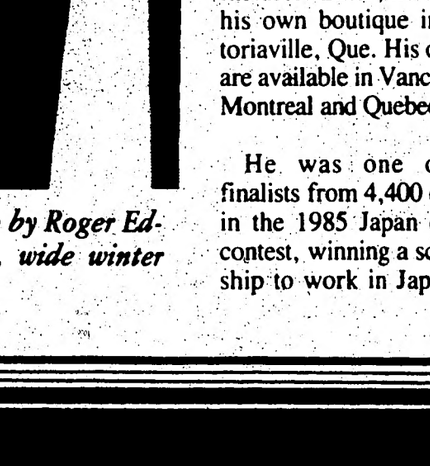
Poisson graduated in 1982 from Montreal's College Marie Victorin, then headed for the south seas joining Club Med as a costume designer and boutique manager in several locations.

Back in Montreal, he expanded his design abilities by working as an assistant designer to a major manufacturer. Later, he opened his own boutique in Victoriaville, Que. His clothes are available in Vancouver, Montreal and Quebec City.

He was one of 10 finalists from 4,400 entries in the 1985 Japan design contest, winning a scholarship to work in Japan.

Lucy Pappano created these overcoats and dresses featuring a slit, which emphasizes the long, leggy feminine line. (Marie-Josee Crete photos)

Artistry in Gold



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Art Gallery of Ontario: The Work of modernist Ron Martin, 1971-81, continues through May 14. Eighteenth century Venetian drawings from the collection of the Castello Sforzesco in Milan, are on exhibition April 8-June 11. A 5-part film series, *Spirit in the Landscape*, March 28-May 2, examines a selection of some of the best contemporary Canadian filmmakers' responses to the landscape. *Boris Anisfeld "Fantastic Mystic": Twelve Russian Paintings from the Collection of Joey and Toby Tanenbaum*, on view until May 21 in the Margaret Eaton Gallery. Five major works of sculpture by British artist Richard Deacon are displayed April 8-June 4. Deacon's show has particular significance for Toronto because his 20-foot by 60-foot sculpture, Between the Eyes, was commissioned for the Toronto World Trade Centre now under construction at the foot of Yonge St., and is expected to be permanently installed in 1990. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

Arts Scarboro: A juried exhibition at The Gallery of the Consilium, April 11-21. 200 Consilium Pl., Scarborough.

Bau-Xi: Mieke Bevelander, *Alter Images*, until April 23. 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Hans Herold, *Prairie Landscapes*, acrylic on canvas, to April 27. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 304. Phone 364-6181.

Evelyn Aimis Gallery: In the Main Gallery, Contemporary Masters - paintings, drawings and sculpture. In the Works on Paper Gallery, a group show. Both, April 13-May 15. At 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

The Little Jewish Baker, oil on canvas by John F. Mortenson at Gallery 306.

First Impressions Gallery: *Escapes and Landscapes*, Paperworks, one-of-a-kind monoprints, watercolors, acrylics, collages on paper. Mark Buck, Marilyn Cohen, Marla Freedman, Laurie Worrell, Yoko Yamaguchi and others. Until May 24. At 3441 Yonge St. 487-2887.

Galerie Dresdnere: Benoit Cote, paintings of Canadian wild geese in flight. April 15, May 6. At 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Galerie Heritage: Artwork from around the world with special feature, *The Art of Jakob Pichhadze*, paintings by the Israeli artist done in different media. April and May. 137 Yorkville Ave. 967-1675.

Gallery Moos: Paintings by Peter Aspell, April 13-May 13. 136 Yorkville Ave. 922-0627.

Gallery 306: *Multiple Visions*, A one-man show by John F. Mortenson. Signature pieces are an oil on canvas painting, The Little Jewish Baker, and a pen and ink drawing of the same baker, Max Krebs, of the onetime Midtown Bakery. April 13-18. 80 Spadina Ave. 363-7253 or 656-8224.

Garnet Press Gallery: Gallery artist Andy Fabo, *Technologies of the Self*, a solo exhibition of large-scale drawings and artist bookworks, April 8-May 6. Also, an outdoor spring-summer installation, *Perpetual State of Crises*, (glass components) by Warren Quigley. 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Harbourfront: Alan Belcher, *Photos, Sculptures, Objects 1983-1989*, To April 23. In the Power Plant, 231 Queen's Quay W. 973-4949.

The Innuit Gallery of Eskimo Art: Holman Island Print Collection, 1989. Until April 22. Basketry, April 22-May 13. At 9 Prince Arthur Ave., 921-9985.

Isaacs Gallery: *My Father's Barn*, focuses on animals in the art of William Kurelek. To April 21. *Mexican Drawings*, by Gordon Rayner, April 15-May 6. And, Stephen Cruise, **New Work,** April 22-May 12. At 179 John St. 595-0770.

John B. Aird Gallery: Abba Bayefsky, recent paintings, *Bread Series*. Walter Curtin, photography. Leonhard Oesterle, bronze and stone sculptures, primarily figurative. April 7-24. Macdonald Block, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley. 9218-6772.

Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery: Italo Scelza/Sergio Zuccaro. Italy's Scelza captures the splendor of Baroque architecture and the earth's beauty by presenting glimpses of Italian towns ranging from architectural fragments to complete townscapes. Zuccaro's poetry accompanies the townscapes. April 4-27. 901 Lawrence Ave. W. 789-7011.

Karney Gallery: Figurative paintings by Shaoul Smira, Iraqi-born artist who lived in Israel and is now based in New York. He creates complex images, warm, enthusiastic, an endless surprise. April 6-29. At 11 Yorkville Ave. 964-1122.

Koffler Gallery: Western Canadian artist, David Thauberger, Paintings 1978-1988, continues in the Main Gallery to April 14. Also until April 14, in the Loggia Gallery, a display by senior visual arts majors at the Claude Watson School for the Arts. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Sue Rusk, *Sonate de Vie*, mixed media on paper. Marlene Hilton Moore, *Cornfield Series*, oil paintings on canvas. April 8-May 3. 80 Spadina Ave. 365-9515.

Marianne Friedland Gallery: Karen Kulyk, watercolors and pastels, April 8 through April 27. At 122 Scollard St. 961-4900.

The Market Gallery: *Building Bay Street*, historic photos, maps, paintings, documents and artifacts detailing the evolution of Bay St. Continues to June 18. South St.Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Cape Dorset Printmaking*, a major 30-year retrospective by noted Innuit artists. To April 23. *Stencil and Stone*, a hands-on educational format plus lectures, films, printmaking demonstrations and workshops, Until May 7. Islington Ave., Kleinburg, Ont. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: Takao Tanabe, new stain paintings, landscape images from around the world. April 6-26. 22 Hazelton Ave. 964-8197.

Original Gallery: featuring highly realistic oils on canvas of children at play, by Carolyn Shugar. Also, a variety of very individual bone and horn carving, transparent watercolors, blown glass and more. 8100 Yonge St. (around the corner). 764-3388.

Quan. Schieder Gallery: Gerald Sevier, new landscapes, oils on canvas. To April 13. Nancy Day, *Prairie Landscapes*, April 15-27. At 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery: Ray Rudowski, a video, *Streetwalk*, which documents the life of "street people" in Toronto, March 23-May 21. *The Other Painting*, an exploration of abstraction by five artists, To April 16. Hugh Mackenzie, nudes and cityscapes, April 13-May 21. Oshawa Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition, April 21-May 7. Anne Newdigate Mills, major tapestry works and related preparatory studies, April 13-May 21. Barbara Isherwood, *Blues in the Night*, photographs primarily of soul and blues performances. Isherwood is especially interested in the Canadian contribution. Included are photographs of Toronto-based musicians, and at least half are women performers. April 23-May 21. *Landmarks*, the Thomas Bouckley Collection, which concentrates on the architecture of Oshawa. April 13-May 21. Civic Centre, Oshawa. (416) 576-3000.

ROM (Royal Ontario Museum): Buddhist and Hindu stone scuuptures dating from the 2nd to the 17th centuries. Canadian Portrait Gallery - an exhibition of 22 oil paintings from the collections of the ROM and Canada's National Portrait Gallery, depicting early settles, noted citizens and famous persons connected with Canadian history between 1750 and 1935. Caravans and Clipper Ships, examines the ancient trade routes linking Asia and the West. Included are Chinese porcelains, figurines, casts of architectural ornaments, etc. All these are at the ROM for an indefinite run. 100 Queen's Park.

University of Toronto *Expanding Focus*, an exhibition of student photography. April 16-30 in the main display area of Robarts Library. 130 St. George St. 394-8112.

Yaneff Gallery: Bain Ireland, recent still life, landscape and figurative paintings. Dean Carr Charters, watercolors. April 6-28. Both, April 6-28. 119 Isabella St. 924-6677.

Ydessa Hendeles Art Foundation: Works by Giulio Paolini, presented in conjunction with The Istituto Italiano di Cultura. Through April. 778 King St. W. 941-9000.

Young Peoples Theatre: *Alphabits - Art for Children*, photography by Gerard Ryan. Until May 30. At 165 Front St. For information about this show call 968-3653.

YYZ: *Scrutiny* - New works by Clark, Dean, Dickson, Favro and Stamp. Until April 27. Also, Gary Kibbin's *Video, The Long Take*, until April 29. 1087 Queen St. W. 531-7869.

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Musical is funny though "over-simonized" comedy

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

I laughed when I first read Dorothy Parker's witticism that the only "ism" that prevails in Hollywood is nepotism.

But despite her wisecrack, I used to think that a little bit of nepotism in the theatre never hurt anybody.

On Broadway, nepotism was symbolized by the Shubert Brothers, who once controlled most legitimate theatres in New York as a kind of family fiefdom.

In Toronto, the equivalent would be theatre impresario Ed Mirvish, who invited his bright son, David, to help produce plays at the Royal Alexandra.

After all, I thought, if you can't help your *mishpocha*, who else should you help?

That is to say, I felt that way until the 1978 Broadway hit, *They're Playing Our Song*, was recently revived for a run until April 25 at the Leah Posluns Theatre (630-6752).

It's a musical comedy by Broadway's most prolific *yok meister*, Neil Simon. And Leah Posluns producer Reva Stern evidently thought it would be nice to bring in his older brother, Danny Simon, to direct the show.

Well, to my way of thinking, it was a mistake.

The elder brother may be a capable teacher at his comedy writing school in Los Angeles. But as a comedy director, he seemed to me as heavy-handed as an oldtimer staging baggy-pants-falling-down vaudeville shtik.

Simon master sketch writer

Neil Simon is a master sketch writer rather than a playwright concerned with character development; he excels at shuffling a fast deck of gags, quips and 1-liners. Consequently, he needs a director with a light touch, who is aware of the values of subtlety, pauses and pacing, so that the audience can savor his humor.

These are the very qualities that Danny Simon — an exponent of the rat-tat-tat, machine-gun school of comedy — appears to lack.

Gerry Salsberg and Susan Hogan co-star in Neil Simon's They're Playing Our Song at Leah Posluns Theatre.

I don't mean to imply that you won't get any laughs out of *They're Playing Our Song*. It remains a funny comedy, with at least a dozen belly-laughs. But with a less overwrought director, it could have been funnier, mixing tears with the laughter as in Neil Simon's most moving masterwork, his autobiographical *Brighton Beach*.

Neil Simon has based this musical comedy on the true-life romance of pop composer Marvin Hamlisch and his lyricist Carole Bayer Sager. Indeed, they've collaborated on music and words for the show's songs, which are, I regret to report, strictly utilitarian rather than inspired Hit Parade classics.

Gerry Salsberg, who was so hilarious in Neil Simon's *Last Of The Red Hot Lovers* at the Posluns a couple of seasons ago, is moderately amusing as the Oscar-winning composer, Vernon Gersch. He has a forceful singing voice and is capable of milking a hearty laugh out of a so-so line like "I've gone from Beethoven to going GaGa and GooGoo over you."

But the trouble with Salsberg is that he tends to be a demonic improvisor of outrageous bits of stage business and facial mugging; he needs a firm-handed director to restrain his excesses. Danny Simon, however, seems to have encouraged his hammy tendencies and so Salsberg has gone overboard in his 1-dimensional portrayal of an egomaniacal songwriter.

The same criticism can be applied to Susan Hogan's portrait of the frenetic, flakey lyricist, Sonia Walsk. She's no great shakes as a singer. But Hogan can be a very funny comedienne, as demonstrated a few seasons ago when clowning around in *Zastrozzi*.

Here, however, she goes to extremes as a neurotic New Yorker "gone berserk," to the point that she's no longer cute, but simply a tedious pain in the neck. To paraphrase Neil Simon, when you put two extreme flakes together, you get bombarded by an overwhelming snowstorm.

Neil Simon had the happy notion of livening up his 2-character comedy by introducing a trio of alter-ego Voices for each when they are in the throes of creating a new song. In effect, they're backup singers-cum-dancers dressed exactly like the two main protagonists.

The most delightful scene in the comedy occurs when Vernon is bedded down in the hospital, with his right leg in a plaster cast as a result of an accident. Choreographer Bob Ainslie has devised a charming clog dance, in which the three male Voices come clunking onstage in their hospital gowns and plunking their plaster cast legs to a rhythmic chorus beat.

To sum up, you'll find it a funny, over-Simonized comedy, which could have been funnier if it had one Simon less.

Brass Rubbings glows gracefully but it still needs some polishing

TORONTO —

Gordon Pinsent, the 58-year-old Canadian playwright-actor, has been quoted as saying that "friendliness, fun and sweetness" have been missing from today's tough-as-nails, kitchen-sink dramas.

He has attempted to restore these old fashioned virtues in his engaging new play, *Brass Rubbings*, running until April 14 at Factory Theatre (125 Bathurst St. at Adelaide, 864-9971).

It's a graceful, civilized and quaintly funny drawing-room comedy, presented in the urbane style of the late New Yorker Magazine writer - cum - dramatist, S. N. Behrman.

Quite apart from those reasons, I recommend it because Pinsent and his young director, Jackie Maxwell, have staged at the Factory what is essentially a reunion of some of Toronto's most beloved, seasoned stars.

They're a congenial and highly skilled bunch of troupers. They date back to the 1950s, when the Crest on Mt. Pleasant Rd. was the only theatre in town where local professional actors could practice their craft.

The veterans, all in their late 50s or early 60s, include Barbara Hamilton, Pinsent's wife Charmion King, Eric House, and Pinsent himself.

His play is fittingly nostalgic. Reeking of old money, it deals with the Warracks, who, like the Masseys, made a bundle by manufacturing farm machinery. They're reputedly the "last remaining affluent WASP family," living in a genuine, pillared, oak-paneled mansion on Jarvis St.

Hamilton plays the custodian of the family's heritage, who is sometimes mocked by the raffish bordello types hustling for a living on Jarvis for bearing the "sucky" name of Daphne Agnes.

No matter. Daphne Agnes persists in preserving the family's aristocratic traditions. She does so by popping over to the stately homes of England to make brass rubbings of her beknighted Warrack ancestors.

House, a veteran of more than 300 stage productions, expertly portrays her eccentric old family retainer, Freddy. "My job is to keep you and the house from rot," he says.

In two James Thurberesque scenes, their combined drollery had me howling with laughter. In one, Daphne Agnes yells, "Look, Freddy, there's a hooker in the garden!" And she tells the offstage streetwalker in a kindly tone, "Go home, Sweetie. You can't have a good time here."

In another scene, Freddy struts onstage to celebrate Dominion Day — *not* Canada Day — wearing his bowler hat and his orange Orangemen's Parade sash stuck across his chest.

Daphne Agnes watches him salute her and then looks forlornly at the Queen Anne chair where Sir John A. himself allegedly once sat. She muses, "Sir John would not walk down Jarvis today. . . ."

Freddy promptly takes it out of the realm of sentimentality by adding: "Except for a drink."

Charmion King, in the role of Daphne Agnes' sister Maureen, is equally amusing. A romantic sophisticate who is a perpetual debutante, she comes home as usual "between marriages," which apparently last "as long as a pair of panty hose."

She wonders aloud whether they ought to sell the anachronistic mansion, or rent it out for tours, "because it looks out of place in modern Jarvis St."

Daphne Agnes protests vehemently, "No! It's the rest of the street that's out of place."

The quartet of nostalgia buffs is completed by Pinsent in the role of Justin, a charming wastrel, once married to Maureen, who drops around to serve as a convenient "arm rest" for the two women. Speaking for his privileged rich class, he broods that certain verities such as "civility, kindness, hello, and a smile" have long vanished from contemporary Jarvis St.

The first act ends with harsh reality intruding rudely into their Edwardian haven. The intruder is a young, cynical streetwalker named Boots (played by Tracey Hoyt, who was also a floozy in last season's *Donut City*).

I won't reveal what happened in the 2nd act, except to say that I felt cheated. For Boots, who introduced a fresh note of violence in this serene hideaway, does not reappear. Consequently, we are left at the end with a feeling of stultifying anti-climax.

Despite its weaknesses, it gives us an authentic slice of uppercrust life rarely explored by young Canadian playwrights. I suggest that Pinsent should try rewriting his last act, and give it that extra polish that'll make *Brass Rubbings* glow with a totally satisfying lustre.

— F.R.

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Arts

Parody on conventions of supposedly with-it, tuned-in people

Slaves of New York exposes mores of the art world

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Of late, James Ivory and Ismail Merchant have been producing films about manners, and *Slaves of New York* is just such a film.

In *A Room With A View* and *Maurice*, the talented pair fixed their gaze on British upper-class society, giving us lush, literate pictures with minute attention to detail.

With *Slaves of New York*, Ivory and Merchant move on to new ground — the avant-garde art world of New York City.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Slaves* is something of a parody on the conventions and mores of the supposedly with-it, tuned-in people who inhabit this nonconformist set. More to the point, it's about a young woman's bumbling quest for self-fulfillment and independence.

Slaves, which rocks to the beat of a funky musical score, is filled with some of the most narcissistic characters who've ever danced across the screen. They're eccentrics on the edge. But when all is said and done, they probably yearn for the same kind of stability, respectability and peace of mind all of us finally want.

The central character is Eleanor (Bernadette Peters), a sweet-tempered, late 1980s hippy hat designer who can't sew but whose phantasmogoric designs would do Carmen Miranda proud.

Eleanor lives with Stash (Adam Coleman Howard), a successful, self-centred graffiti artist whose chief recreational activity is the abominable wasteland of daytime television. Stash, who seems to be modelled after the late Andy Warhol, is basically a fool: he doesn't realize what a lucky fellow he is to have Eleanor around, and to compound matters, he shamelessly cheats on her, and growls jealously when a fellow artist, Marley (Nick Corri), expresses a romantic interest.

Rounding off the cast are: Daria (Madeleine Potter), an outrageously opportunistic femme fatale; Ginger (Mary Beth Hurt), a callow art dealer; Victor (Chris Sarandon), her male counterpart; Mikell (Bruce Peter Young), a gentle South African writer; Jan (Michael Schoeffling), a horse semen salesman who wins Eleanor's affections.

Tama Janowitz, the scriptwriter upon whose short stories *Slaves* is based, puts in a cameo appearance as an anxious party guest with a bathroom fixation.

A well-observed film, *Slaves* is alert to a peculiar nuance of contemporary New York City: the atrocious apartment shortage which breeds otherwise mismatched relationships. This fact emerges as Eleanor comes to the bitter realization that Stash is stunting her creative development and thwarting her goal of living an ordinary middle-class existence.

The phoniness to which art is susceptible is exposed as well when, in a sarcastic aside, we learn that Stash's idea of "conceptual art" is cutting the legs off furniture.

Slaves, to its credit, is particularly adept at showing the yawning contrast between the glitter and the tawdriness of the Big Apple. It does so fleetingly but effectively.

The performers seem to have been born for their respective roles, but Bernadette Peters is a cut above them all. She's demure, charming and utterly likeable. I predict she'll go far.

Bernadette Peters is Eleanor and Adam Coleman Howard is Stash, her artist boyfriend, in Slaves of New York.

Milk and Honey neat and nice

TORONTO —

Many Canadians, though of immigrant origin themselves, just don't understand the dreams, the frustrations and the disappointments of would be-immigrants.

Rebecca Yates and Glen Salzman, the co-directors of *Milk And Honey*, obviously do.

Their neat little film documents the trials and tribulations of a Jamaican nanny, a single mother, who wants nothing more than to be reunited with her son and to be granted landed immigration status.

Nanny seeks reunion

Joanna Bell (Josette Simon) takes leave of her isolated village in the lush Blue Mountains, bound for an uncertain existence in Toronto. She's flabbergasted and utterly delighted by the spanking new toilet amenities in her room, but disillusionment sets in shortly after she discovers that her employer, the Weinbergs (Fiona Reed and Tom Butler), a typical upwardly mobile young couple, have deducted the living daylights out of her weekly salary.

Two years elapse and Joanna brings her son, David (Richard Mills), to Toronto on a visit. He stays on, thereby contravening the law. She obtains false immigration papers from a sleazy "fixer" (Errol Slue), enrols David in a school with the complicity of the principal (Lyman Ward) who's smitten by her, and foolishly entrusts David to his buxom, opportunistic mistress (Djanet Sears).

It all spells trouble, of course.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Milk And Honey* roots for the underdog — namely Joanna and her son. The Genie Award-winning script, by Salzman and Trevor Rhone, works best as Joanna is introduced to the harsh realities of life in Toronto. It's taut and swift-moving at this point, but somewhat flabby in the last half.

A viewer, nevertheless, should not be deterred. *Milk And Honey* is earnest and decent and, one should add, competently made. Its instincts are always in the right place, which is not unimportant at a time when numerous films promote gratuitous violence and disconcerting fluff.

The performances are fine, but two actors deserve special mention — Josette Simon and Lyman Ward. Simon epitomizes strength and dignity, while Ward personifies that all too common blend of weakness and decency.

Milk And Honey doesn't leave a strong impression. But it's a nice film, and what more can one ask?

— S.K.

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Showbiz Mishmash

Quotes run from world's birth to end

By
FRANK RASKY

There's always something new under the sun emerging from the book world.

Believe it or not, **Alan Isaacs** and nine fellow British scholars have put together an absolutely unique dictionary of quotations.

It's titled *Who Said What When: History Through People's Own Words* (Penguin Books Canada Limited; 437 pages; $29.95).

They have selected more than 7,000 quotations of historic or literary interest, which throw light on landmark events or important personalities. But admittedly some have been included, not so much because they reflect the times, but simply because they brim with wit.

They begin with the first words written in the Bible's Genesis: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

They end with the ominous words from **T. S. Eliot's** poem, *The Hollow Men*:

"This is the way the world ends
Not with a bang but a whimper."

From in between, I have selected the following quotes. Most of them have been written by Jews or relate to Jewish matters. But some I have picked merely because they're provocative, and they made me think or else they made me laugh.

I recommend the entire book as an intriguing adventure exploring the universe from the earliest times to the present day.

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Exodus in the Bible: "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

Job in the Bible: "No mention shall be made of coral or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies."

Proverbs in the Bible: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

Ecclesiastes in the Bible: "A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things."

Juvenal, early Roman satirist: "No one delights more in vengeance than a woman."

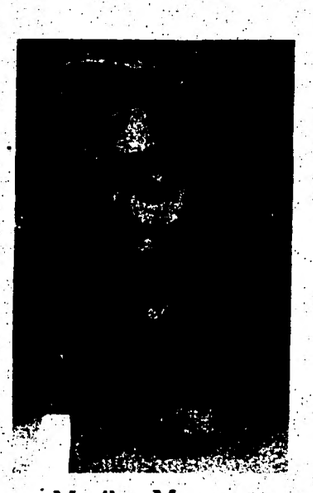
Benjamin Disraeli, Jewish British statesman, on his deathbed in 1881, declining an offer of a visit from **Queen Victoria**: "No, it is better not. She will only ask me to take a message to **Albert**."

Karl Marx, Jewish economics philosopher: "All I know is that I'm not a Marxist."

Sarah Bernhardt, Jewish French actress, on seeing her first football game: "I do love cricket — it's so very English!"

Stephen Leacock, Canadian humorist: "Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl."

Vladimir Mayakovsky, Jewish Russian revolutionary poet: "Art is not a mirror to reflect the world, but a hammer with which to shape it."



Marilyn Monroe

Golda Meir

Srul Irving Glick

Paula Ravitz

Itzhak Perlman

Sarah Bernhardt

H. J. Laski, Jewish British political theorist: "The meek do not inherit the earth unless they're prepared to fight for their meekness."

Dorothy Parker, Jewish wit: "If all the young ladies who attend the Yale prom dance were laid end to end, no one would be the least surprised."

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Dr. Sigmund Freud, Jewish founder of psychoanalysis: "The great question I have not been able to answer, despite my 30 years of research into the feminine soul, is: 'What does a woman want?' "

Albert Einstein, Jewish physicist, reflecting on his role in developing the atom bomb: "If only I had known, I'd have become a watchmaker."

Golda (The Indestructible) Meir, Israeli Prime Minister: "We intend to remain alive. Our neighbors want to see us dead. This is not a question that leaves much room for compromise."

Henry Kissinger, Jewish German-born American diplomat: "Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac."

Moshe Dayan, Israeli general, during Arab-Israel peace negotiations: "Whenever you accept our views, we shall be in full agreement with you."

Artur Schnabel, Jewish concert pianist: "The notes I handle no better than many pianists. But the pauses between the notes — ah, that is where the art resides."

Sammy Davis, Jr., Jewish Black singer-dancer: "Being a star has made it possible for me to get insulted in places where the average Negro could never hope to get insulted."

Adlai Stevenson, U.S. Presidential candidate: "There are no gains without pains."

Philip Roth, Jewish author of *Portnoy's Complaint*, American bestselling novel, "A Jewish man with parents alive is a 15-year-old boy, and will remain a 15-year-old boy till they die."

Brendan Behan, Irish playwright: "Other people have a nationality. The Irish and the Jews have a psychosis."

Bernard Baruch, Jewish financier-advisor to U.S. Presidents, at 85, 10 years before his death: "I will never be an old man. To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am."

Dylan Thomas, Welsh poet, author of *Under Milk Wood*: "Oh, isn't life a terrible thing, thank God?"

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The **Marilyn Monroe** freaks keep snapping up the multitudinous books about their heroine that keep pouring out from the presses.

I've enjoyed two of them recently. One is the paperback *Marilyn: Norma Jeane*, with insightful text by **Gloria Steinem** and 16 pages of intimate color photos by **George Barris** (Signet, New American Library; 220 pages; $5.95). The other is the softcover *Marilyn Among Friends*, with serviceable prose by her Jewish friend, **Norman Rosten**, who introduced her to Jewish playwright **Arthur Miller**, and 200 voluptuous photos by **Sam Shaw** (Penguin Books Canada Limited; 192 pages; $19.95).

I found most poignant this extract from her unfinished autobiography: "I've always had a talent for irritating women since I was 14. Sometimes I've been to a party where no one spoke to me for a whole evening.

"The men, frightened by their wives or sweeties, would give me a wide berth. And the ladies would gang up in a corner to discuss my dangerous character."

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My weekly tip of the hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts:

Mazel tov to Toronto modern dancer-choreographer **Paula Ravitz,** who will present her new untitled work April 12 to 15 at Danceworks, 80 Winchester St. (534-1523).

Here's a special "Bravo!" to those generous patrons of the arts, **Joey and Toby Tanenbaum**. Besides providing Torontonians with the opera centre bearing their name on Front St., they're sharing with art lovers their collection of 12 rare oils by the late Russian cubist-fantast-mystic painter, **Boris Anisfeld**. A former set designer for the Diaghilev Ballets Russes, often likened to **Cezanne** and **Munch**, the New York emigre died in 1973 at the age of 94, a forgotten artist. Happily, his reputation was restored in the 1970s. The exhibition of his works will be displayed until May 21 in the Art Gallery of Ontario's Margaret Eaton Gallery.

In honor of **Srul Irving Glicks's** 20th year as resident conductor-composer of the Beth Tikvah Synagogue Choir, a concert titled *Hava Nashira* (Come Let Us Sing) will be held at 8 p.m. April 9 at the synagogue located at 3080 Bayview Ave. (221-3433). The program highlight will be the premiere of Glick's cantata, *If We Would But Listen*.

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I bow out with this exit line from Israeli violinist *Itzhak Perlman*, who earlier this week raised more than $50,000 for Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's various Israel projects at a concert at Roy Thomson Hall. Asked by a reporter to explain why so many great violinists are Jewish, Perlman replied with a perfectly straight face as follows:

"You see, our fingers are circumcised, which gives them a very good dexterity, you know, particularly in the pinky."

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Arts

Cunningly crafted plot

E.L. Doctorow's Billy Bathgate is an absorbing story

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Billy Bathgate, by E. L. Doctorow. Random House of Canada, $27.50.

Although his earlier novels were well received, *Ragtime*, published in 1975, was Doctorow's breakthrough book. It established him as an accomplished contemporary novelist. In *Ragtime* well known American personalities of the first decade of the 20th century are interrelated with a cast of an entirely imaginary narrative. The historical figures became "images of that time" that carried the patina of myth.

The author brings to all of his work a brilliant sense of the tone and texture of time and place through careful attention to detail that recaptures "things" as they were.

Billy Bathgate is an absorbing story of a half-Jewish 15-year-old youth (narrated by him in his adulthood) who in 1935 for a 1-year period becomes a member of the infamous Dutch Schultz gang. Billy, a brash, street-wise, school dropout whose father abandoned the family long ago and whose mother is half-mad, attracts the attention of Schultz through his astonishing ability as a juggler. "A capable boy," observes the gang chief, "evidently someone to watch and perhaps groom for the future."

Billy is irresistably attracted to Schultz's charisma and power. He starts as a lowly runner for the gang whose members include the unflappable Irving, the ferocious Lulu Rosenkrantz and the contemplative financial wizard, Abbadabba Berman.

Fast-learning Billy is soon a participant or accomplice to criminal activity that includes the operation of an elaborate numbers game and the murder of a disloyal gang member who is dumped into the sea with his feet encased in a bucket of cement.

Corrupt ward heelers, elegant socialites, slick lawyers, eager bankers, aspiring politicians — all have a part in Billy's rapid awakening to maturity and a measure of self-understanding. Resourceful, protean, witty, likeable — Billy takes his rightful place in a gallery of fictional boy heroes.

The book's fast moving events occur in the closing months of the Schultz dynasty. Prohibition has already been repealed and the incorruptible Thomas Dewey is closing in on the gang. Schultz and his fellow mobsters are mowed down one day when a rival group moves in to establish a new reign.

The cunningly crafted plot includes Billy's relationship with a worldly — wise socialite who inadvertently becomes involved with the gang, his own survival as the mobsters are expunged, Schultz's trial for tax evasion in a small upstate New York community and Billy's discovery of Schultz's well-hidden loot. Fact and fiction, transmuted into myth, unite in a fascinating amalgam.

Doctorow's run-on, seamless sentences often flow over a page or more. But the prose is elegant and intense, supple and vivid. Walking along Bathgate Ave. in the East Bronx Billy is part of a phantasmagoria of sounds and colors: "The fresh bread in the windows of the bakeries with the electric fans in their transoms sending hot bread smells into the air, and the dairy with its tubs of butter and wood packs of farmer's cheese, and the butcher wearing his thick sweater under his apron walking out of his ice room with a stack of chops on oiled paper, and the florist on the corner wetting down the vases of clustered cut flowers, and the children running past, and the gabbling old women carrying their shopping bags of greens and chickens, and the teenage girls holding white dresses on hangers to their shoulders, and the truckmen in their undershirts unloading their produce, and the horns honking and all the life of the city turning out to greet us just as in the old days of our happiness, before my father fled, when the family used to go walking in this market, this bazaar of life, Bathgate, in the age of Schultz."

The book's one jarring note occurs on the last page when the startled reader is confronted with a piece of unbelievable and sentimental information. Hugely entertaining and superbly written this is the most successful of the author's eight novels. It will take its place as one of the notable books of the decade.

Winnipegger launches musical theatre group

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — With her Hillhouse Productions, Shirley Goltsman is trying to bring a little bit of Broadway to Winnipeg.

"I've been thinking of doing this for several years," she said. "There is good work being done in musical theatre in Winnipeg. Rainbow Stage has good solid productions. But the shows are mainly the old standbys.

"Unless you're able to go to New York or London or Toronto you don't catch the newer shows. Even the art and theatre people here are generally unfamiliar with the new Broadway shows of the last few years. We just don't hear them out here."

Last fall, Goltsman, an experienced musical and orchestral director, put together a vocal quartet consisting of Miriam Bronstein and Edward Ledson, both veterans of the Winnipeg theatre and musical theatre scene, and newcomers Jeff Ramsey and Tracy Goltsman (Shirley's daughter).

In February, they put on their first show — consisting of excerpts arranged by Goltsman from *Big River, Chess* and *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* — at Winnipeg's West End Cultural Centre.

"I wanted to get the company off the ground and see where we were going with it," she said. "I learned a few things from the performance. It was very exciting but hard in some ways. Broadway gets its pick of voices, for example. We had to adapt with the voices we had."

Arranging the numbers was also a challenge for Goltsman. Unlike Broadway productions, she didn't have a large orchestra to work with, only a 3-piece combo.

"One problem is that I was wearing too many hats," she said. "I was doing the accompaniment as well as doing the staging. It was difficult."

But then Goltsman has worn different musical hats before. She was the musical director for the Chai Dancers 1975-1980. During the first part of that period, she was also director of Chai's choral group (Miriam Bronstein succeeded her in the latter role.) Goltsman also has a production of *Oliver* mounted by Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate students to her credit.

In fact, Goltsman is part of a musical family. Her husband, Norm, is a chazzan. One daughter, Robbi, mounted four musical productions of her own in Winnipeg several years ago before retiring from the stage to marriage and a regular job. A third daughter, Marni, is currently studying lyric writing at the BMI School of Music, a musical theatre school in New York.

Goltsman says she was pleased with the size of the audience — about 100 people — for Hillhouse Productions' initial performance considering the time of year and the cold snap. "I hope people put our future productions on their priority list," she said.

Goltsman is currently working on arranging numbers from three more Broadway shows of recent vintage — *Baby, Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables*. She is particularly thrilled about Les Miserables. "There is so much exciting music in it," she said.

As for Hillhouse Productions, its next production Goltsman hopes will be at the Fringe Festival in Winnipeg during the summer.

Books offer kids valuable advice

By MIA KIRSHNER

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When young people enter the rough world of adolescence, they have questions they're too embarrassed to ask their parents.

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There is also a section on AIDS.

I Can Be A Model (Grolier/Franklin Watts, $4.50) is for children just learning how to read. It's full of information, and it has a useful vocabulary index.

The same publisher has also published books on how to be a doctor, lawyer, librarian, reporter, zoo keeper and mother.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a part of the glamorous world of fashion?

Fashion Design (Grolier/Franklin Watts, $7.95) takes you right into the fashion scene.

It teaches you about fashion from A to Z, fashion around the world and fashion designers.

This is a thoroughly enjoyable and educational book.

Make Up (Grolier/Franklin Watts, $5.95) is an instructional guide on how to apply cosmetics.

It's directed to a teenage audience, but anyone who's interested in basic makeup application can read it with pleasure.

The section on nostalgic looks from the 1920s to the 1960s is fascinating.

Make Your Own Jewellery (Grolier/Franklin Watts, $5.95) is a lavishly illustrated guide on fast, inexpensive ways to make beautiful jewelery such as earrings and brooches.

It's written in a clear, easy-to-understand style. In my opinion, this book may inspire some great ideas.

English Picture Dictionary (Grolier/Franklin Watts, $11.95) **is delightful — great for children just learning how to read and spell. And it encourages a reader to look up new words.**

It contains 1,200 words most commonly used.

Multiplying and Dividing (Grolier/Franklin Watts, $4.95) is for kids just learning these important math skills. The book teaches in a fun way, and encourages a reader to learn.

The same publisher has put out books on weighing and measuring, science tricks and magic and science surprises.

Love Jive pleasant but not memorable

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Love Jive is a small scale musical that is pleasant entertainment but not strong enough to make it an evening of memorable theatre.

The 3-character play is running at the Tarragon Extra Space until April 9. The plot, two women in love with the same man, may sound like a cliche but playwright Don Hannah has written a lively and original script and deserves full marks for it. The music and lyrics by David Sereda are workmanlike and fit the script but this reviewer would pass them up in favor of a larger canvas for the playwright.

Michelle Fisk plays Kitty, an assistant to a producer of horror movies, who has just broken up with her man. Her friend Sal (Mary Ellen Mahoney), is a staffer at a children's day care centre, and fighting shy of any involvement. Along comes Will (David Keeley) a handsome zoologist, father of a 9-year-old boy and separated from his wife. He happens to fill the needs of both women.

The three actors play their roles well. They sing nicely in solos, as a duet or as a trio. But the 12 songs encroach on the time available for characterization and plot development which is a pity. The Tarragon is at 30 Bridgman Ave. (531-1827).

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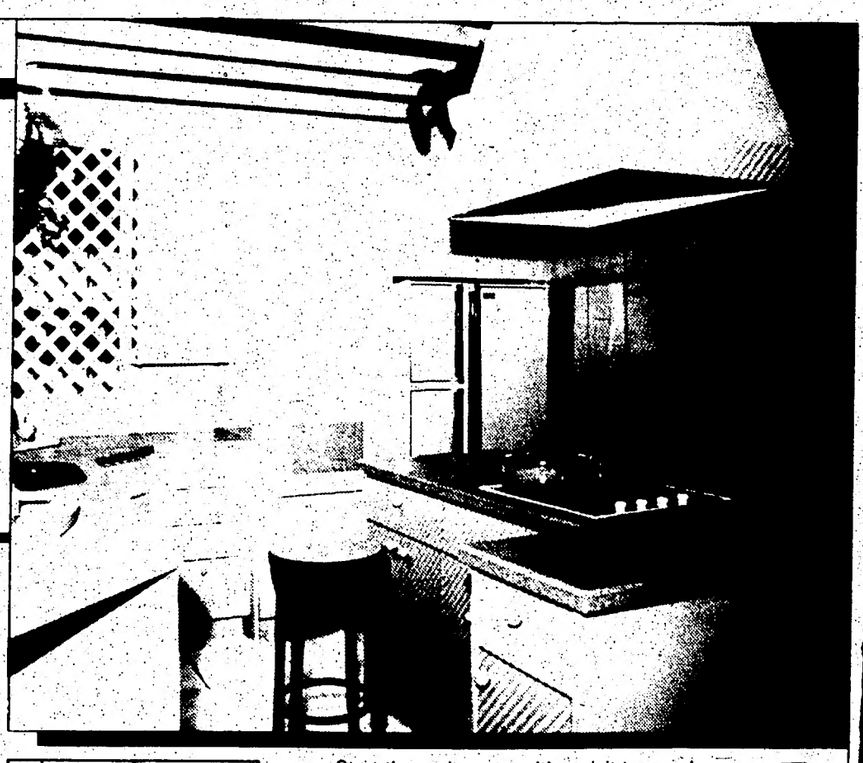

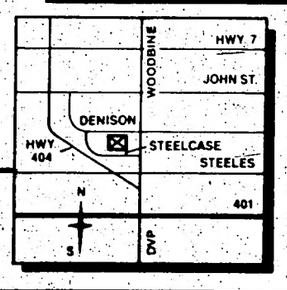

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Leningrad, Vilna, Minsk on the bill

Jewish library offering tours to Soviet Union

MONTREAL —

The Jewish Public Library is sponsoring a series of tours to Jewish sites in the Soviet Union, organized by Prof. Yakov Rabkin of the University of Montreal, who played a key role in the establishment of a yeshiva in Moscow, and Prof. Zvi Gitelman of the University of Michigan, whose book A Century of Ambivalence: The Jews of Russia has been nominated for a National Jewish Book Award.

The first tour, scheduled for July 9-23, will begin in Leningrad, the former imperial capital, and after three days proceed to Vilnius, or Vilna, once known as the Jerusalem of Lithuania. From Vilnius, the group will visit the nearby town of Trakai, home of one of the few remaining Karaite communities, and the city of Kaunas, or Kowno, including the Ninth Fort, a reminder of a Nazi massacre of Jews.

From Lithuania, the group will head south to Minsk, via Volozhin, the site of a famous yeshiva of the same name. The group will fly from Minsk to the cosmopolitan Transcarpatia, today part of the Ukraine.

Then it's on to old centres of Jewish settlement: Lvov or Lemberg, Uzhgorod and Mukachevo or Munkach. The tour ends with three days in Moscow which includes a visit to the Kremlin, as well as to the yeshiva, known as the Judaic Studies Centre, and to the Moscow Jewish Library.

No travel is planned for the Sabbath.

"The Soviet Union is the second largest Jewish diaspora. Most North American Jews trace their origins to the areas within the borders of the Soviet Union," said Rabkin, a Soviet emigre, who will lead the July tour.

"As glasnost has enabled a modest revival of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union, visits to the recently created Jewish theatres, libraries, musical societies, museums and community centres constitute an important part of the tour."

The itineraries were developed by Periscience Inc., a Montreal consulting firm, to which Rabkin and Gitelman are offering their expertise. Arrangements are by Canadian Travel Abroad Ltd. of Toronto, and travel to and from the Soviet Union is by Finnair.

Each tour group will be limited to 30 persons, and professional local guides, including experts in local Jewish history, will accompany.

For preliminary booking and information, call Janice Snider or Elisabeth Freer at the toll-free number (800) 387-1876.

Special Israel tour now available

HAMILTON —

A summer tour to Israel designed to meet the special needs and interests of young families has been scheduled by Na'amat Hamilton, July 6-19.

Agi Meinhard, president of Nitsan Chapter, and Sharon Hart, tour convenor, have announced that plans include a mid-tour visit to a ranch in the Safed area where children will enjoy a jeep ride through the wooded hilltops, archery and baking pita bread.

The families will experience many memorable highlights such as: a visit to the Weizmann Institute, Ashkelon and its Antiquities, tree planting in the Forests of the Child, Masada, the Shrine of the Book, the Chagall Windows and the Knesset, the Diaspora Museum, old Jaffa, the Ramat Gan zoo and Na'amat's Beba Idelson Agricultural High School at Kanot.

A delightful finish to the tour will be a half day visit to the Bible Ranch. The children will be taken back to their roots with donkey rides, wheat grinding, bread baking and ploughing. All tools and implements will be reproductions of those used in ancient times.

The tour is open to the community subject to space availability. Since the group will be limited to approximately 15 adults and 18 children, those interested are advised to register early, organizers say.

For further information, call Na'amat's Toronto office at (416) 636-5425.

Clear writing, strong photos make Israel book memorable

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When an eminent novelist and a prize-winning photographer pool their talents, the result is bound to be interesting, if not impressive.

Frederic Brenner, a French photograper, and A.B. Yehoshua, the Israeli writer, have collaborated to produce *Israel (Collins, $49.50)*, a mighty coffee-table album cum-travelogue which is hefty both in the intellectual and visual sense of the word.

Yehoshua contributes several well-crafted essays on the nature of his diverse, always stimulating country. In a thought-provoking manner, he deals with topics ranging from the people and the land to Jewish identity and the city of Jerusalem.

The writing is clear and elegant.

Brenner's color and black-and-white pictures command respect. They're strong and empathetic. They impart the real essence of contemporary Israel.

I particularly liked his photographs of Israel's bleak but pristine deserts, Tel Aviv's shoreline being lashed by a winter storm, common people munching on falafels in Tel Aviv, soldiers on maneuver in the Negev, and Israeli families in various modes of relaxation in the privacy of their homes.

This is a book to be savored over long stretches of time. It shouldn't be read in one or two sittings. And if you're thinking of giving someone a fine gift, *Israel* may well suit your needs.

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Travel

Cosmopolitan mix of cultures, religions

Trinidad has plenty to offer despite its problems

By
MARIE MOORE

The first thing that strikes you as you step off the plane is the heat. The cool of the evening registered 84 F. in early January.

Next, you can't help but notice the mix of people, a cosmopolitan variety of cultures, color and religion which has a significant effect on Trinidad's current political mood. The country is truly a land of surprises.

In the beginning, the AmerIndians called their home 'Kairi' or 'Island'. Seven tribes comprised the majority of the population with most of these aborigines belonging to the peace-loving Arawaks of the south or the war-like Caribs of the north.

In 1498, the Spaniards arrived, claiming Trinidad as a Crown Colony. Christopher Columbus named "Isla de la Trinidad" with reference to the Holy Trinity, or as many natives believe, after the three peaks of the Northern Ridge most likely seen first by his watchful crew.

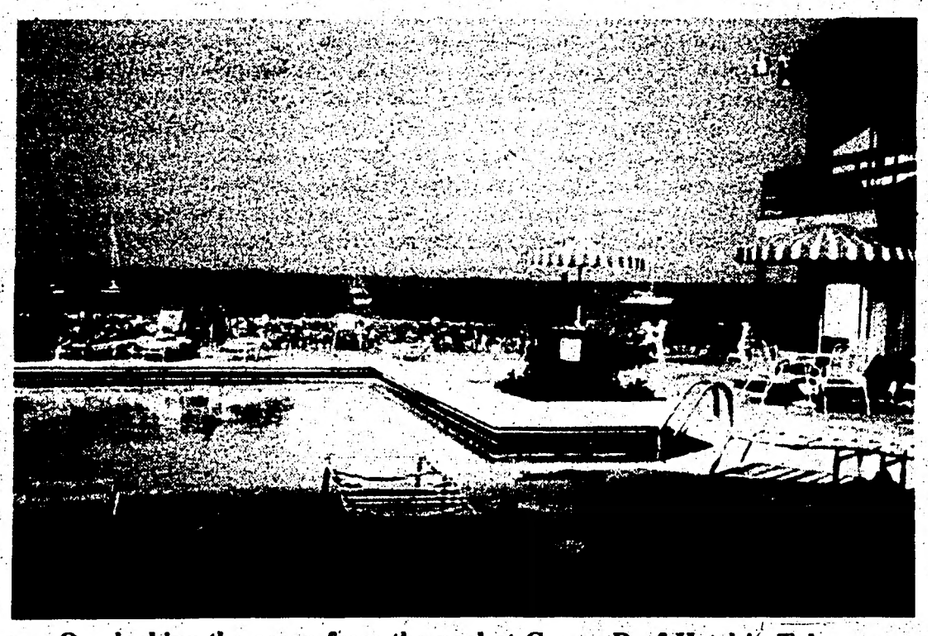
Spain dominated Trinidad for almost 300 years until the 'Cedula' of 1783, when an open-door policy allowed an influx of French settlers which gradually grew to dominate the population.

Along with these developers of the sugar cane industry came their African slaves. It was estimated that by 1803 their numbers had swelled to approximately 20,000 while the total aborigine population had shrunk to less than 2,000 due to diseases, interbreeding with the Spanish and cross-tribal conflict.

After the war of 1812, a group of black veterans (formerly escaped slaves from Georgia) were sent to Trinidad by their new government. They were each given 16 acres of land in the Savannah Grande Region where they introduced both the rice crop and the Baptist faith to other inhabitants.

Later, more Americans from Pennsylvania and Maryland joined them. They sought social and economic freedom on the island.

West Indians first emigrated to Trinidad in 1834. By 1848, 10,000 of them had landed, bringing with them unique crops, voodoo and folkloric traditions.



Overlooking the ocean from the pool at Crown Reef Hotel in Tobago.

The Portuguese also arrived at this time. They were mostly employed on cocoa estates, but some came seeking refuge from political persecution at home. They used their life savings to develop a small business network.

Other Europeans joined these two groups between 1836 and 1840. British, Scots, German, Swiss, Irish and more French, all searching for work, sailed to Trinidad. A number of Scots and Englishmen were employed by overseers or in rich merchant houses, but many died because of the rough working conditions and extreme heat in the fields.

By the end of the decade, most of the previous immigrants had died, become land owners and businessmen or were working in less strenuous positions. The government recognized this in the mid 1840s and began searching for a willing labor force which was "inured to the labor of a tropical climate."

By this time, the British were in control of the colony and they looked to another of their Commonwealth countries for an answer to Trinidad's problem.

In 1845, 217 East Indians disembarked from the Fatel Rozack in Port of Spain. By 1869, 37,690 indentured East Indians were serving 5-year labor contracts. When their term ran out, they were provided with free passage back to India or a parcel of land. Most stayed.

They developed small farming communities and before long, temples and mosques sprang up in the countryside. Because of religious differences and a language barrier, this group kept to itself and remains a distinct community in Trinidad today.

One other significant group has had an effect on the cultural cornucopia of the island. The Chinese first landed in 1843. In 1846, another 1,000 male workers were accepted as 5-year indentured servants.

In 1865, another 600 arrived from Hong Kong, one-third of whom were women. Soon after gaining their freedom, many of these people prospered in small shops and businesses.

By 1867, it seemed that they were driving East Indian and Portuguese retailers out of business. About 2,500 Chinese eventually took up residence in Trinidad. Many of them inter-married with the general population and lost racial clarity. About 5,000 Chinese remain culturally segregated on the island today.

Since 1850, waves of Venezuelans, Syrians, Lebanese, Corsicans and Jews have migrated to Trinidad — usually as political refugees. The current population also includes a large sect of Rastafarians.

An overview of the religious denominations in Trinidad would point to about 30% of the total population as Catholic, 33% as Hindu or Moslem and the remainder as Baptist, Rastafarian, Methodist Anglican and Jewish.

In general, the current Parliament is predominantly black, the business community is mainly East Indian, Chinese and Syrian while the dominant cultural and architectural flavor also incorporates Spanish, Portuguese and British traditions.

All of this diversity in culture, religion and philosophy has resulted in pros and cons for the island, but mostly negatives for the tourist. While fine restaurants boast the best in international cuisine and modern conveniences abound, the natives are, unfortunately, restless.

A political tug-of-war seems to have grasped economically unstable Trinidad in its clutches. Once oil rich, the country is facing a recession based on today's poor price of oil and the lack of associated industry.

Unemployment is high and racial tension has increased as the working sector (mostly black) faces economic famine while the business sector (comprised largely of Syrians, East Indians and Chinese) makes the necessary adjustments it needs to ensure a decent return on its investments.

Everywhere one travels in Trinidad, scores of jobless black youths cast hostile glances at those who can afford the luxury of a vacation. It is not safe for foreign women to walk alone on many streets in broad daylight and no one walks alone at night.

The real shame here is that tourism, the most likely initiator of foreign investment capital, has been sadly neglected as an industry.

Even on the sister island of Tobago, where a tropical paradise overwhelms the senses, it is difficult for a selective tourist to feel accommodated or safe. Difficult yes, impossible no.

A trip to Trinidad and Tobago may not be the ideal vacation spot for those who prefer to mingle with the natives, but if you're willing to take the necessary precautions, Trinidad and Tobago do have a lot to offer.

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It may be best to keep securities with broker

By
ARNOLD POLAN

If you invest in individual stocks and bonds, you have to decide where to keep these securities. Your choices are to hold them yourself or leave them at your brokerage house (known as keeping them in "street name").

Here are some questions I'm frequently asked about where to keep securities.

What does leaving securities in street name really mean?

It means that your shares of stock or your bonds, along with those owned by the brokerage firm's other customers, are registered in the firm's name. The number of shares or bonds you own is clearly and legally established through your purchase confirmations and account statements from the firm. Dividends on stocks and interest on bonds are paid to the firm and are credited to your account.

Why should I leave my securities in street name?

First, convenience — especially when you want to sell. If you're an active investor, it's almost essential to keep your stock and bond certificates at your brokerage house. Otherwise, you'll constantly be sending securities by messenger or overnight delivery to meet settlement deadlines, risking possible loss of the certificates in transit.

Also there could be occasions when you are out of town on business or vacation and there is a change in the status of your investment, for example a takeover or a move in the market price. If your shares are locked away in a safety deposit box, you will be unable to act on any changes.

Deposited to account

Second, your earnings can go to work much faster because when dividends or interest are paid on your investments, they are automatically deposited to your account at your brokerage firm where they earn a competitive interest rate. If the issuers mail these payments to you instead, you could lose up to two weeks' earnings while the cheque is in transit and while you wait for it to clear.

Third, you can quickly borrow money against your investment portfolio at very competitive rates. But to qualify for margin loans you must leave your securities in the physical possession of your brokerage firm.

The fourth major benefit is that record-keeping and tracking the performance of your portfolio are greatly simplified. All of your holdings are valued on each statement you receive (usually if there is activity in the account). At the end of the tax year you receive a summary of all income and dividends and just one T-5 slip. If you move, a phone call changes your address, rather than having to contact each company whose securities you own.

How safe are the securities I leave in my brokerage house's care?

Very safe, since most brokerage firms are members of the National Contingency Fund. Established in 1969 by the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, the four Canadian Stock Exchanges and their members, the fund insures all securities and cash balances that result from transactions in all of the activities carried on by the brokerage firms. Unlike some government insurance funds, there is no maximum limit set on the amount the Fund will pay on a valid claim. Indeed, valid claims from individual investors dealing at arm's length have all been paid in full since the inception of the fund in 1969.

You should also know that securities paid for in full and held by a brokerage firm are held aside for you "in segregation" and are not used in the conduct of a firm's business.

If you deal with a large, well-known brokerage firm, insurance is really just an extra protection. The firm's commitment to maintain its reputation for integrity and financial stability are just as important (maybe more so).

If street name is so advantageous, why would anyone take delivery of securities?

Some people simply prefer to have physical control of their securities, especially if they plan to hold them for the long term. They like to know that the certificates are in a safe-deposit box with other important documents. (Surprisingly, however, many banks don't insure the contents of safe-deposit boxes. Check with your bank. You may need your own insurance.)

Others keep their certificates to use as collateral for loans other than margin loans. But unless you're a frequent borrower, you probably don't need them on hand at all times. Upon request, your brokerage firm can deliver certificates to you in short order.

Some investors worry that if their securities are held in street name, they will not receive shareholder information on their holdings. In fact, they will continue to receive information from most North American companies, just as if the securities were registered in their own names.

Finally, some people fear delays in receiving National Contingency Fund payments if their brokerage firm should experience financial difficulties. The best guarantee against this possibility is to deal only with long established, well-capitalized firms. If you choose to do business with a very small, very new or financially weak firm, then you should take delivery of your securities.

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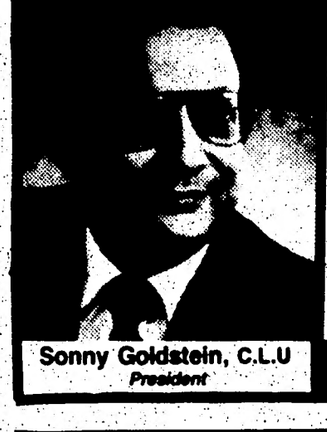

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Business Outlook

But top tax rate did drop

88 so-so for interest income

Tax News

By
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Taxpayers who derive a large portion of their income from investments such as dividends and interest will likely look upon 1988 as a good news/bad news year. This theme is particularly appropriate when one examines the impact of Tax Reform on the taxation of interest income.

First the good news. The top rate of tax in Ontario on investment income has declined in 1988 by approximately 6% relative to 1987. The impact on other than top-rate taxpayers is not as easily determined and depends on the taxpayer's level of income.

The bad news is that commencing in 1988, every dollar of interest income is taxable. This results from the elimination of the interest/dividend deduction which allowed each taxpayer to earn up to $1,000 of such income on a tax-free basis. Financial institutions will only issue T5 information slips for interest in excess of $100. Just because a slip wasn't issued does not remove the responsibility for reporting the income. The loss of this deduction is one change that will have a major impact on the large majority of taxpayers.

When declaring interest income, taxpayers generally have a choice of three methods: on a cash basis, when received (or credited); on a receivable basis, when due; and on an accrual basis, when earned (on a daily basis).

However, when interest payments are deferred for three or more years, individuals are required to report this income on "investment contracts" every three years. This does not prohibit an investor from reporting his interest income annually on the full accrual basis. Investment contracts consist of such items as term deposits, GICs, Canada Savings Bonds, mortgages and other similar debt obligations.

When the 3-year accrual rules were introduced, transitional provisions were implemented to address the treatment of investment contracts held at that time. Any investment contract acquired by a taxpayer before 1982 was exempt from the accrual rules until 1988.

A recent rule extended this exemption until 1991. Therefore, individuals with such contracts will report all interest accrued from 1982 to 1991 in that year.

Investment contracts purchased in 1983 and subsequent years will be subject to the three-year rule commencing on Dec. 31 of the third calendar year after the contract was purchased. This process is particularly relevant for reporting income on Canada Savings Bonds.

As previously noted, a taxpayer can avoid the 3-year accrual rules by electing to report his income on the full accrual basis. Waiting to report interest income every three years may unnecessarily place a taxpayer in a higher marginal tax rate than would ordinarily occur if this income were reported annually. Furthermore, interest income reduces the balance in the Cumulative Net Investment Loss account, thereby assisting a taxpayer in gaining access to the capital gains exemption.

The method of reporting interest income, once established, must be used consistently from year-to-year for each investment contract. However, different methods may be used for different investments.

Special treatment exists for other types of securities. For instance, the difference between the proceeds on maturity and the discounted price of stripped bonds or government treasury bills is taxed as interest over the life of the investment.

Taxpayers who use the cash basis of reporting can defer tax on treasury bills purchased in 1988, if they opted for a maturity date in 1989. However, if the life of the investment exceeds three years, the investor will be required to conform to the 3-year accrual rules noted earlier. Since these investments do not pay interest until their maturity, taxpayers may find themselves paying taxes before receiving their income.

Because of the different personal tax brackets, it still makes sense to try to split interest income amongst various family members. Unfortunately, this area of tax planning has been under constant attack since 1985, thereby limiting the opportunities to transfer income into the hands of other family members.

One method that remains involves the gifting of cash or property to a child over the age of 17. Any income earned on the gift will be taxed in the child's hands. However, the fact that control over the property is relinquished must be considered before this approach is contemplated.

Some more good news. At the top individual marginal tax rate, a dividend will attract approximately 30% tax in 1988. This represents a reduction from 1987 and is comparable to capital gains rates. In 1988 and 1989, an individual without any other source of income could receive approximately $22,000 of cash dividends without any tax cost.

The recipient of dividends is normally required to include the amount in income. However, in some rare cases it may be beneficial (and permissible) to report dividends received by one's spouse. In order to take advantage of this measure, the transfer of dividends between spouses must increase the spouse's claim for the married tax credit.

The effective tax rate on portfolio dividends earned by a corporation in 1988/89 is approximately 6% lower than if earned directly by a top tax rate individual. Accordingly, in some cases it may be beneficial to transfer dividend-yielding investments to a corporation.

The apparent tax savings derived by incorporating such dividends will only be available as long as the funds are retained in the corporation. Others costs of incorporating such income, including the loss of the capital gains exemption for gains generated by corporations, will have to be considered prior to implementing this strategy.

When taxpayers receive the news, they hope the good out weighs the bad. Taxpayers who earn investment income in 1988 will have to decide this outcome for themselves.

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Oil well won't make much difference to Israel

By
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ASHKELON (JPFS) — Israel's miniscule production of oil is expected to increase by more than 50% when commercial extraction begins at Kochav 28, potentially the country's richest oil well, experts said recently.

But after a tour of the site, Energy Minister Moshe Shahal cautioned that while Kochav 28 was a great success by Israeli standards, it would make only a very modest dent in the nation's overall oil needs.

Israel currently produces about 500 barrels of oil per day — less than 1% of its consumption. The remainder is imported from Egypt, Mexico, Norway and various countries selling on the international spot market.

Shahal said Kochav 28 should yield about 300 barrels a day, but experts at the site were talking hopefully about twice that amount.

The discovery at Kochav 28 also indicates that the Heletz oil field, where nearly all of Israel's oil has been found, is somewhat larger than previously thought, said Dr. Ya'acov Gilboa, chief geologist of Naphtha, Israel Petroleum Co.

Drilling began at Kochav 28 on Dec. 25 and the discovery of oil was announced Feb. 22 — the first find in Israel in over a year — after the completion of tests. Further investigation showed that the hole, which cost $1.2 million (U.S.) to develop, was commercially viable for production.

Shahal said he will ask visiting American Jewish leaders to seek investors in the search for oil in the Dead Sea, due to begin at the end of the year. The project will cost an estimated $20-30 million (U.S.).

Intensive exploration is underway in the off-shore area between Ashkelon and Ashdod. The project, Negev Joint Venture 2, is being conducted by Israeli oil companies with backing by foreign investors, including Armand Hammer. It will continue for another four months, and "we can only pray they find oil," Shahal said.

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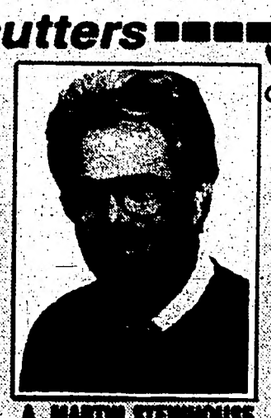
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BATHURST VILLAGE JUST LISTED $488,000
Large 3 bdrm sidesplit, renovated throughout, grey & white decor, approx 2,400 sq. ft. Betty Goldkind 764-7200.

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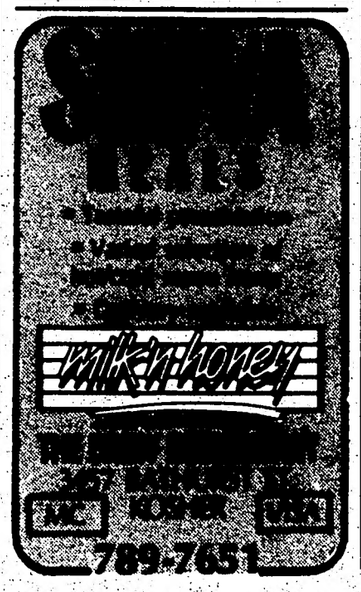

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Glazerson Haggadah different

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Why is Rabbi Mattityahu Glazerson's *Secrets of the Haggadah* different from all other Haggadot?

It's the use of *gematria* (Jewish numerology) and letter recombining to bring out additional meanings in the words of the text.

Matzoh embodies, among other things, humility, the aspect of a warrior, and human perfection, Glazerson demonstrates.

• The numerical value of its letters (in Hebrew, letters also stand for numbers) totals 135, the same as for *ahnava*, humility.

• Adam, man, with the value of 45, attains perfection through the 3-fold path of good thoughts, deeds, and speech. Three times 45 equals 135.

• According to Glazerson, matzoh also means to battle. It is man's tool against *chometz* and *se'or*, leaven, whose combined values total 639, the same value as the instrument that saw man expelled from the Garden of Eden, the tree of knowledge.

The traditional text of the Haggadah is also elaborated on by various midstream, homiletical legends, that Glazerson incorporates in his extensive commentary.

The blessing that praises God as the *Makom*, which means place in Hebrew, is a testimony to His omnipresence. Glazerson invokes a midrash that says "God is the place of the universe, but He is not limited to the universe."

The Hebrew print of the Haggadah text and the English of its translation are good-sized, and allow the 190-page book to be used for the seder.

One underlying reason for Hebrew's powers of illumination is its primacy over all the languages of mankind. Glazerson invokes this traditional Jewish view in his book *Hebrew: Source of Languages.*

The 90-page book is a virtuoso implementation of gematria and letter recombining to highlight Jewish outlooks and morals.

In his introduction, Glazerson accuses "anti semitic professors of attempting to construct innovative theories to conceal the fact that Hebrew is the source of all languages."

MDs must not judge, says rabbi

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

Not only does the Jewish tradition oblige a Jew to heal the sick, the doctor must never make a moral judgment about the person who is ill, nor judge the value of the life, a noted medical ethicist says.

Rabbi David Feldman, author of Birth Control in Jewish Law and Health and Medicine in Jewish Tradition, said a doctor, for example, cannot withhold treatment from an AIDS patient "because they believe homosexuality is an abomination."

"You are no more permitted to do that than tell a child with pneumonia that they don't deserve treatment because they went out in the cold without a coat," he told a large audience at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am at a talk on The Jewish Mandate to Heal.

Judaism says we can't ask how a person got sick, or make our cure conditional on what we believe to be right or wrong, he said.

Referring to a case where a doctor refused to perform open heart surgery on an AIDS patient on the grounds the person only had a few years to live, Feldman said, "you can't say this in Judaism because that's allowing a qualitative judgment to come before the sanctity of life, which is one of Judaism's most abiding principles."

Naturally, we are obligated to devise ways for a doctor to be protected against infection, he said, and if a doctor's life is endangered, there is no obligation to help someone. However in the case of AIDS, Feldman noted, we know it can only be contacted by an exchange of fluids.

He cited the Jewish mandate for healing as coming from the Torah as well as the Babyonian and Jerusalem Talmuds, where it is written "that is sinful to hasten death and meritous to remove any obstacles which cause a person to suffer."

In the Talmud alone, he explained, there is a tractate which describes in detail the step-by-step process to be taken in order to return a lost object to its rightful owner.

Maimonides inferred from this way we attempt to return a lost object to its owner, that a doctor too must return to a person what they have lost in the way of health, Feldman said.

Unlike other belief systems which says man must not tamper with nature or presumably with what God ordains, the Jewish tradition obligates us "to mix in because in our tradition man is a partner with God in creation."

This, said Feldman, is the basis for calling Judaism "ethical monotheism." There is the belief in one God, in laws which are universal, and good and evil coming from one source, he said. "But even if God does bad, so to speak, such as when there is illness, it is the ethical mandate of a Jew, indeed our job to restore, help, heal, to make the world a better place."

The event was co-sponsored by the Adult Education Committees of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am congregations. Bernard Shoub, chairman of the latter committee chaired the talk. Deanie Rumack, co-chairman of the former introduced the speaker.

Ontario plans work programs for young people

TORONTO —
Ontario's 1989 summer employment programs will be designed to provide opportunities for more intensive skills development, Alvin Curling, minister of skills development, recently announced.

"We need to use some of the resources we devote to youth for skills development rather than for job creation," Curling said in announcing this year's summer employment youth programs.

"Last year, the youth summer unemployment rate dropped to 6.9%. Less than three years ago, that rate was nearly 13%. We are in the midst of a booming economy and many employers are having difficulties finding summer staff."

Curling said one of the most important of the skills creation programs is the Enhanced Environmental Youth Corps. It will provide up to 3,000 jobs for young people in community environmental projects organized by conservation authorities, environmental and naturalist groups, tourist associations and other organizations interested in the environment.

The Ontario Summer Employment Program, which provides a wage subsidy of $1.25 to employers who create summer jobs, will receive $5.4 million to serve employers in an area where the youth unemployment is high.

While this program was previously offered province-wide, this year it will be open to employers in Northern Ontario.

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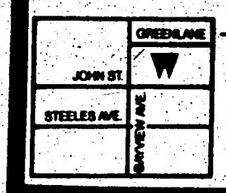

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Members of this Jerusalem family — young and old — celebrate their seder in the tradition of Bukhara, now in Soviet central Asia.

Time to ask questions

Passover is an introspective period for many Jews

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Passover is observed and celebrated in some fashion by more Jews than any other holiday. It is the first of the major Jewish festivals mentioned in the Bible.

Deeply rooted in Jewish history, our fight for freedom is as relevant today as it has been throughout the millennia.

Passover is a time when we renew our faith that a strong unrighteous oppressor may triumph, but in time, the weak will rise up to see their enemies defeated.

The centrality of the family is the hallmark of Jewish tradition. Family members travel thousands of miles to join together for the celebration of this unique holiday.

Passover is a time to ask questions — WHY (Ma nishtana) and a time to share thoughts.

Here are some questions frequently asked about this most distinctive and meaningful holiday.

WHY are there different opinions about which foods may be eaten on Passover?

In Ashkenazic communities, five grains are considered chometz: wheat, barley, spelt, rye and oats, as well as rice and legumes (beans, peas). In Sephardic communities, where rice and legumes are the main foods, they are not excluded for Passover.

WHY does the person leading the seder, usually the head of the family, have a pillow to recline on during the seder?

The custom of reclining originated in Persia. It is a symbol of freedom and independence.

WHY are there perforations in matzoh?

The perforations are made in the rolled-out dough to allow the air to escape. This retards the fermentation (fermented foods are prohibited on Passover) and it prevents the dough from rising or swelling during the baking.

According to the law, the entire process of kneading the dough to baking must be completed in 18 minutes, the amount of time before fermentation takes place.

WHY do we abstain from eating matzoh for a day before the seder?

To enhance the novelty of eating matzoh at the seder. The tradition is not to eat matzoh all day prior to the seder. Some Jews choose not to eat matzoh for a longer period of time in order to create a heightened anticipation.

WHY do we open the door for Elijah during the seder?

This gesture is symbolic of the willingness of those participating in the seder to welcome the Messianic Age. It renews the belief that the Messianic Age could come at any time.

Begin Pesach preparations early

Making Pesach for the first time can be confusing for the uninitiated.

For many who have participated in Passover preparations but are embarking on their first solo flight, the question is "Who should I turn to for advice?"

In most communities, you can turn to a reliable rabbinic authority. As well, there are numerous books in the Jewish book stores that give a thorough explanation of the procedures for preparing your home and particularly your kitchen for Passover.

Although there are many knowledgeable individuals in the community who you can turn to for advice, it is wise to recognize that there may be different traditions observed in a particular family. As an example, Sephardim eat rice on Pesach while rice is restricted in an Ashkenazi home.

For the newly-observant, the plethora of intricate laws for Pesach seems insurmountable. Beginning your preparations well ahead of time and carefully organizing your cleaning and shopping, can reduce last minute panic.

Some Passover products quickly disappear off the grocery shelves, so it is wise to purchase them early and store them away in a specially prepared area.

Getting through your first Pesach requires patience. It seems that no sooner do you get everything in place and the holiday is over.

It is wise to keep a record of some of the procedures, special Passover recipes, and the quantities of foods and ingredients you purchased.

Preparing for Passover can be a spiritual experience for the entire family and should be part of the celebration of the 8-day holiday.

For those that observe the laws of Passover, the rewards far surpass the hours of learning and preparation. Before long, you may be the knowledgeable individual that others turn to for information. — C.G

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Food

From beverages to butchers

TJC's flyer lists variety of l'Pesach items, services

As a service to the community, the Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division of the Toronto Jewish Congress publishes a Passover flyer of the foods and services under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth.

Here are the names of the manufacturers and services for Passover from the 1989 Passover flyer.

Baked Goods: Carmel, Hermes Bakeries, Richman's.

Beverages: Canada Dry Bottling Company Ltd., Miracle Food Mart, Pepsi-Cola/Seven-Up Bottling of Toronto, Roma Soft Drinks (Pop Factory — Reinharts).

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Coffee: Steinberg's Instant Coffee (Miracle Food Mart).

Dairy Products: Astro Dairy Products Ltd., Ault Foods Ltds. (Sealtest products), Fieldfresh Farms Inc. (Food City — fluid milk), Great Canadian Food Products Co. (hard cheeses), Heritage Farm (fluid milk), Stern's Cholov Yisroel Kosher Products (milk), Western Bird's Hill Creamery (Blue Bell, Bird's Hill, Western).

Fish Products: Feature Foods Ltd., Old Harbord Street Brand Ltd., Smoked Fish Factory, Strub Bros. Ltd. (Note: All smoked fish must carry a Passover label.)

Fruit Juices: Holiday Juice Ltd., Sun Pac Foods Ltd.

Fruit Salad: Dessertcraft Products Corp.

Honey: Billy Bee Honey Products Ltd.

Jams: Steinberg Ltd. (Miracle Food Mart).

Pickled and Marinated Products: Feature Foods Ltd., Strub Bros. Ltd.

Salt: The Canadian Salt Company Ltd. (Windsor Salt), Domtar Chemicals Group (Sifto Salt).

Caterers and Take-out Foods: Beth Sholom (Tastefully Yours), Beth Torah (Rose Lazar Catering Service), Beth Tzedec (Caterers York and Sweet York Desserts), Pride of Israel (Max Zuchter Caterer), Shaarei Tefillah (Peter Graben Caterers), L'echaim Caterers, H. Perl, Stroli's, Tastefully Yours).

Yogurt: Astro Dairy Products Ltd., Western Bird's Hill Creamery.

Butcher Shops: Abram's Kosher Meat, Food City (Bathurst and Steeles, and Clark and Hilda), B. Goldstein, Hartman's Kosher Meats, Joe Kirshen's Kosher Butcher Shop, Kosher Meats & Treats, Manor Kosher Meat Market, H. Perl, Prime Kosher (Loblaws), Springer's, Sunnybrook Foods Ltd., Yossi's Fine Foods, Miracle Food Mart (Bathurst and Hillmount, Bathurst and Sheppard, Bathurst and Steeles, Don Mills and Steeles).

Fish Markets: Akiva's Kosher Food, Akiva's Fish Market, Hartman's Kosher Meats, Sunnybrook Foods Ltd., Yossi's Fine Foods.

Poultry: Chai Kosher Poultry Inc. (wholesale).

Airline Meals: All meats served on the airlines during Passover are made up of cold foods. The cartons are specially sealed and stamped Kosher L'Pesach. Peter Graben Caterers supplies Passover foods to airlines as well as to hospitals.

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Cynthia Gasner, director of information and public relations, coordinates the community information programs of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth.

Educational materials are circulated to thousands of families across Canada and the United States and some are sent to Israel and Europe.

The recipes for Passover 1989-5749 are dairy and pareve, and include artichokes with creamy herb sauce, savory matzo cheese rolls, spinach salad, zucchini kugel and chocolate-pineapple squares.

The recipes are prepared and tested by Esther Schwartz, kosher food consultant for the Kashruth Council.

Here is one of the recipes from this year's COR Passover flyer.

ZUCCHINI KUGEL

2 lbs. zucchini
1 medium onion, choppped
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup cottage cheese
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 tbsp. chopped fresh dill
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. matzo meal

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Wash zucchini well; coarsely grate with skin and drain well. Saute onion in hot oil. Combine all ingredients, pour into lightly greased 8 x 8 inch pan. Bake 1 hour, uncovered.

This kugel can be cut into 1-inch squares and served as hors d'oeuvres, served as a side dish or as a main dish when cut into larger portions.

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Graben's meals really taking off

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

If you are travelling during Passover, you can order a kosher l'Pesach meal from your airline.

The man who prepares the kosher meals for the airlines is Peter Graben, whose reputation as an elegant caterer is known throughout the country.

He begins the Passover preparations on April 1 when the kitchen at Toronto's Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue is completely stripped and cleaned for Passover. The kichen is closed to all non-Passover foods and equipment.

Some 20 staff people begin the supervised preparations of airline trays of foods that are frozen and carefully double-sealed and shipped across the country.

Graben says that the menus for Passover are the same as the kosher meals served throughout the year.

"We merely eliminate the bread and other chometz."

Along with preparing airline meals, Graben has an active take-out service for Passover as well as all year-round. He explains that the menu for Passover is more limited, but there is still a good selection of traditional foods. Among the favorites for the holidays are gefilte fish, chopped liver, soup, cole slaw, beef, turkey, a variety of chicken dishes and even fried chicken bits for the kids.

And to complete the meal, there is carrot tzimmes, potato kugel, fruit compote and a frozen lemon cake for dessert. For those making a seder, Graben even prepares a seder plate.

"More and more people now are ordering their entire Passover dinner," said the 44-year-old caterer, who appears calm and collected despite the overwhelming responsibilities he efficiently carries out. "We prepare Passover dinners for two or 100."

This year, he notes, the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation will have two complete seders. These are open to both members and non-members. Reservations are required (787-1631).

While all the activities for Passover are going on at Shaarei Tefillah, Graben carries on his catering business at Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. He is also the kosher caterer at Roy Thomson Hall, Casa Loma and the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

Within the guidelines of the Jewish dietary laws, Graben can prepare just about any menu available from a non-kosher caterer. Sometimes it's hard to believe that some of his pareve gourmet desserts and pastries are not made with whipping cream.

He credits his sensational sweet tables to Joseph Rusoff, his Czechoslovakia chef. Recently, Graben prepared an elegant reception at Thomson Hall for about 400 people who attended Shaare Zedek Medical Center's benefit following a performance of Les Miserables.

And Graben, Rusoff and staff will be on hand on April 4 with a bevy of their delightful desserts at Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's cocktail reception after an evening with Itzhak Perlman at Thomson Hall, a fund raiser for Hadassah's Youth Aliyah Project.

Graben is well suited to provide meals for the airlines — he jets around the city making his high speed activities look as if he's leisurely gliding through the air.

Caterer Peter Graben

Jewish folklore is cited

Matzoh is the most important symbol of Passover. It recalls that the Jews left Egypt so rapidly that they did not even have enough time to permit the bread to rise.

Matzoh seems to come from the Hebrew term matzatz or to press, hence pressed bread or flat, unleavened bread. But the origin of the word matzoh is not entirely certain.

In this light, it might be interesting to cite an old question to be found in Jewish lore: "Why is matzoh called matzoh?"

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By CYNTHIA GASNER

For those with a sweet tooth, a new addition to your Passover menu is kosher for Passover maple syrup produced by Janeric Products of Vermont.

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Vera Finkelstein, the Ontario distributor of Janeric's maple syrup, explains that inherent in the process of cooking down the sap to evaporate excess water there is a danger that the syrup will boil over, so a small amount of fat is usually added "to calm the boil."

She says Janeric uses kosher shortening instead of the more typical lard, butter or cream.

"In addition, no food is permitted in the building where the syrup is made, and no production is done on the Sabbath."

The syrup is made under the supervision of Rabbi Y. Raskin, a Lubavitcher rabbi in Burlington, Vt., with the approval of the Jewish Community Council of Montreal (MK).

Finkelstein suggests that special treats for Passover are maple syrup on fried matzoh or matzoh-meal latkes. And there are numerous fruit desserts that can be made for the holidays with maple syrup including, baked plums, pears and apple compote.

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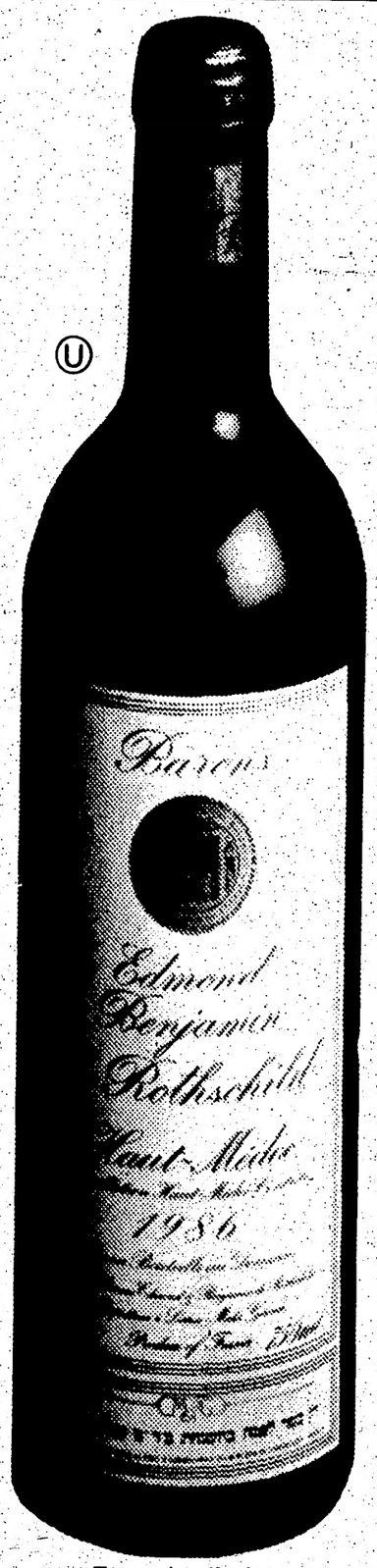

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Agency undergoing period of rebuilding

North York food bank seeks chometz donations

By
JEFF ROSEN

Following a slow period during the first two months of 1989, the North York Harvest Food Bank underwent a period of rebuilding during March in terms of food and funding.

Now with Pesach rapidly approaching, Loren Freid, coordinator of the North York-based agency, said people should consider donating their chometz when cleaning out their cupboards.

"We're looking for chometz for the hungry," said Freid, pointing out that food bins are located at Holy Blossom Temple and Har Zion Temple.

As well as seeking chometz for those not as well-off, Freid said North York Harvest Food Bank was busy last month in a number of food drives, including working with the Daily Bread Food Bank in the Spirit of Sharing, a pre-March break food drive and the annual Share Your Lunch program.

During this 1-day event, the food bank asks employees of companies and organizations to donate one day of their lunch money to the food bank. Freid said the food bank topped last year's figures, raising about $7,000 this year, $2,000 more than in 1988.

He pointed out the Season of the Arts Food Drive at Leah Posluns Theatre continues to be a success and will probably be repeated during the 1989-90 theatre season.

The program allows a corporate food manufacturer to donate at least 5,000 pounds of food at each of the five theatrical productions offered during the season. As well as the 25,000 pounds of food that will be donated by the companies, a food bin allows patrons to make contributions.

Freid said he expects this drive to bring in about 40,000 pounds of food.

During the theatre's final production, Embraceable You, North York Harvest Food Bank will hold its first gala evening on May 8. Freid said this event is expected to bring in about $30,000 to the food bank.

The special guest of honor is Ontario Lieut.-Gov. Lincoln Alexander. A catered reception will follow the show in the theatre's foyer.

Tickets for the gala will be $100 ($85 will be tax deductible).

The 3-year-old food bank recently held its annual meeting at The Radisson Hotel. Last year it distributed 575,000 pounds of food to 35 suburban based groups — 84% over 1987s total and more than the two previous years combined.

In the first half of 1988, it increased its supply of food 51% over the same period in 1987, raising over 185,000 pounds of food. This was more than it raised in all of 1986.

Anyone interested in learning more about the food bank and meeting fellow volunteers can attend an orientation night. These are held the third Monday of each month at 6.45 p.m.

For further information on the food bank call 746-8438.

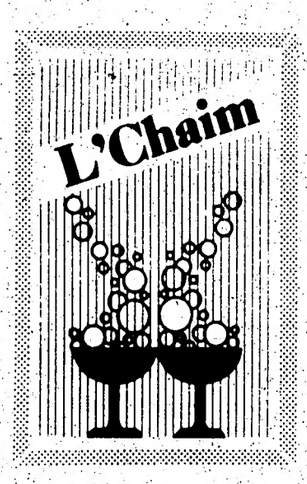
Sparkling white wines make debut at wedding

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Mazel tov, or rather, a double mazel tov. Le Karem's two new sparkling white wines made their auspicious debut at a wedding last week.

Moscato Spumante (9% alcohol, $9.25) and Tiara (11% alcohol, $9.75) are both *mevushal* —ritually pasteurized for serving — and kosher l'Pesach.

This taster found the Moscato to be medium dry with a light, subtle taste guaranteed not to impinge on any food. The enduring little bubbles contribute to its extreme smoothness. the latter and its reduced alcohol level make the wine easy to go through; most seder celebrants should have little trouble with four cups of this.



Tiara is drier, paler, lighter in color than Moscato, and, if anything, smoother. It is also stronger and lingers longer on the tastebuds.

The wines, a newly introduced line of grape juice, and Le Karem's other wines, are the only kosher ones produced in Canada. Toronto's Vaad Hakashruth oversees their production at the Chateau des Charmes winery near St. Catharines.

The grape juice, drier and more winey tasting than most, is about $2 for a 1-litre bottle.

Also new at Le Karem is custom labels for bulk orders. The first Moscato and Tiara bottles commemorated the marriage in Toronto of Dina and Daniel Finkel. Dated March 28,1989, the label also incorporated the letters of this Jewish year, *tishmat*, as an acronym to spell out the phrase, *t'yieh sh'nat mazel tov* (let it be a good year).

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Food

Kosher grocery store now Passover central in Rome

ROME (JTA) —

On a narrow, cobblestoned street in the heart of Rome's ancient Jewish ghetto, Moris Raccah is readying his grocery store for the big Pesach rush.

"This is the busiest time for us," he says, surveying the tiny shop, stacked floor to ceiling with kosher imports from Israel and elsewhere.

"If we kept open just to sell kosher food, we'd already be bankrupt."

The shop burgeons with everything from kosher salami to falafel mix to smoked fish roe. There is also a surprisingly large selection of fine kosher wines, mainly from France and Italy.

A burly, dark-haired man with a short beard, Raccah is Rome's kosher food king. His shop is the only fully kosher grocery in downtown Rome. He also runs three of Rome's eight kosher butchers and handles a large business in smoked fish.

Each year, his shop becomes Rome's "Passover central," the one place in town where the city's 15,000-strong Jewish community can buy everything kosher they need for the seder.

In the weeks before the holiday, the little shop is always crowded, for not even matzoh is available in ordinary supermarkets and grocery stores around town, just a few specialty shops.

"We sell 20 tons of matzoh a year," says Raccah. "Even more."

In the shop, cardboard cartons of imported matzoh are stacked in huge piles that take up a quarter of the space or more, and suit every taste.

"We have American-style matzoh from Israel — you know, thin," Raccah says. "Then there is the thick matzoh, made with wine, from France and also matzoh crackers from Holland.

"The traditional Roman matzoh was thick and made with oil, but you can't find it. No one makes matzoh in Italy anymore," he says.

Rome's Jewish population, with its more than 2,000-year history, is the oldest continuous Jewish Disapora community in Europe. About half of Italy's 33,000 Jews live in Rome, many of them still in the ancient ghetto area where Jews were confined until 1870.

Here the square-domed, turn-of-the-century main synagogue towers above the Tiber River. There are two kosher restaurants, a Jewish bookstore, Jewish cultural centres and other repositories of Jewish life. Blue-and-white collection boxes sit near the cash registers in local bars and shops. Not far away is a Jewish hospital and Jewish school.

Several local Jewish organizations sponsor community seders, which have become quite popular, many families choosing to attend a community seder for the first night and then celebrating the second seder at home with relatives and friends.

Italian Jews conduct their seders according to the Haggadah just like Jews the world over. Still, Jews used to typical North American-style seders may find everything but the seder plate a bit unfamiliar.

Over the centuries, Roman Jews have maintained their own particular rituals, which are believed to have been based directly on the ancient rites followed in the Holy Land two millenia ago.

Most Jews in Rome still follow the Roman, or Italian, rite, though there are also smaller Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities, the latter made up largely of the thousands of Libyan Jews forced to flee their homeland two decades ago.

Italian Jewish cuisine is quite different from the traditional Ashkenazi cuisine, with which most North American Jews are familiar. At Passover time, these differences also include what is permitted on the seder table.

For example, instead of gefilte fish, which is unknown here, Italian Jews serve huggine in bianco, or jellied striped bass — poached fillets of fish served with mayonnaise in a jelly prepared from the seasoned broth in which the fish was cooked.

Not only that, but Italian Jews consider rice strictly kosher for Passover. In fact, rice is a staple for the holidays.

Rice in a rich chicken broth — sometimes with the addition of fresh peas or tiny dumplings made out of minced chicken breast, egg, and a little matzoh meal — takes the place of chicken soup and knaydlach as a classic part of the seder meal.

Italian Passover meals also always include artichokes, which are in season just at this time of year. Roman fruit and vegetable markets are heaped high with dark green and purple piles of artichokes and, conveniently for busy housewives, it is often possible to buy them already trimmed and cleaned.

One of the most popular and famous ways to prepare artichokes is carciofi alla giudia, or artichokes Jewish style, in which small whole artichokes are fried in medium-deep olive oil until they open up like flowers and become crisp.

The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews, by Edda Servia Machlin, published by Dodd Mead and also available in paperback, has a number of traditional Italian Passover recipes.

This new Haggadah caters to vegetarians

By CYNTHIA GASNER

A new revised, second edition of Haggadah for the Liberated Lamb by Roberta Kalechofsky (Micah Publications, 160 pages, $14.95 paperback, $24.95 cloth), responds to the need for a vegetarian Haggadah in a bilingual Hebrew/English text.

Vegetarians and Haggadah collectors will appreciate this publication which presents a vegetarian seder with explanations of meaningful rituals which can be both vegetarian and traditional.

Along with the text, this illustrated edition includes notes, an introduction, songs and a vegetarian menu for the seder as well as the recipes including "chopped liver" spread, seder roast, and seder gravy.

The author says that Jewish vegetarianism is one of the fastest growing movements among Jews today.

In creating a Haggadah for vegetarians, Kalechofsky was cognizant of the need to make substitutions in ritual meaningful for Jews, within their context.

The new edition of the Haggadah threads the concept of tsar baalei chaim (concern for animal welfare) as a theme woven into the meaning of Passover as redemption for the oppressed.

This Haggadah presents a background and the order of the seder and concludes with shirim — music for Kiddush, Ma Nishtana, Dayeinu, Had Gadya and others.

Kalechofsky notes that the Haggadah for the Liberated seeks to reawaken an atrophied sensibility and to re-establish connections the Jewish people once embraced. She adds that vegetarianism is an appropriate place to begin this reconnection along with an historical perspective and a rethinking of biblical statements.

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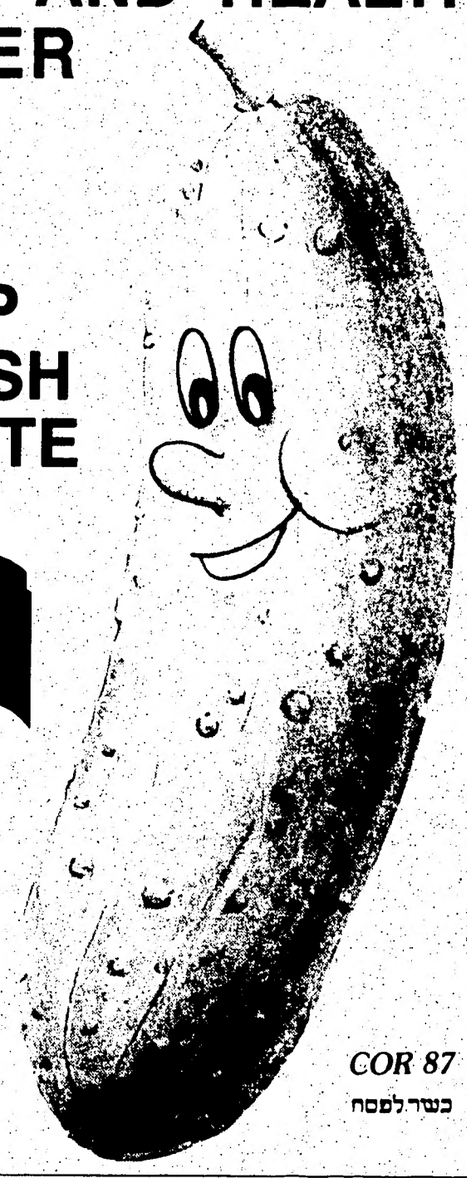

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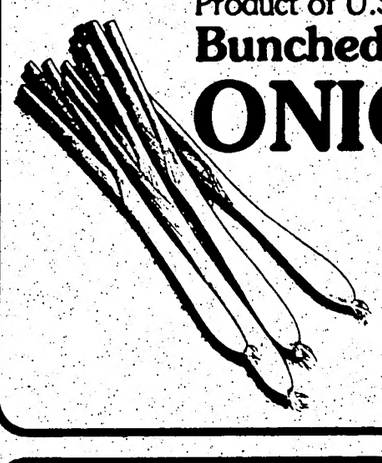

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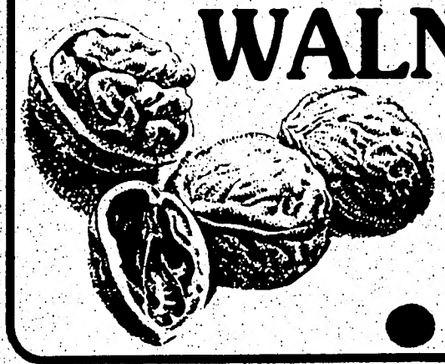

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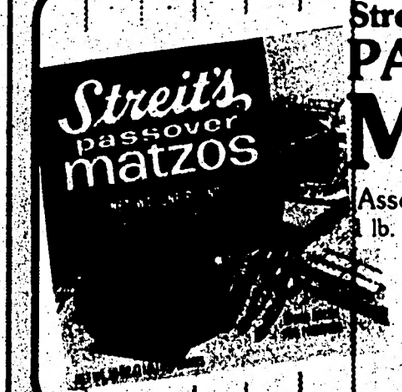

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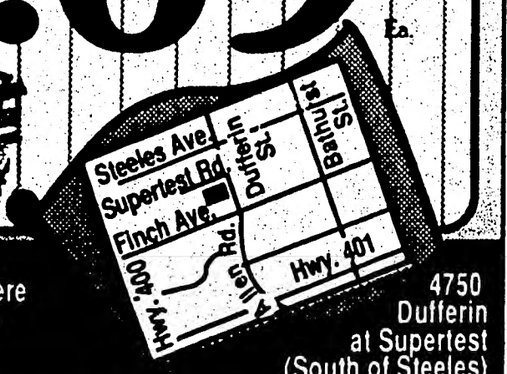

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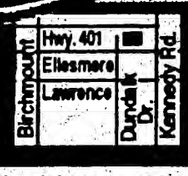

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Microwave radiates holiday tastes

By LUCILLE CHAPLAN

Let your microwave oven help you and your family to enjoy the special tastes of Passover without spending hours in the kitchen. Be an old-fashioned cook — microwave with these ideas from my new book, Passover Cooking with the Microwave Maven.

For an old-country candy recipe, try the ingber. It must be made at least a week in advance and allowed to dry out at room temperature. An elderly friend tells me that her grandfather's ingber tasted just like this, and she still remembers asking each day — "Is it ready yet? Can we taste it now?"

Leftovers are a year-round challenge to every cook. Holiday meals, when "only too much is enough" always produce leftovers. Two great recipes which are also recycling ideas are the gefilte fish chowder and the fruit fancy dessert. Like all good microwave dishes, they are delicious and simple to prepare, and quick.

Your microwave oven won't do all your Passover cooking — if a recipe begins 'separate nine eggs —' it is not a microwaveable recipe — but it can be very helpful.

GEFILTE FISH CHOWDER

If you have no leftover gefilte fish, a jar of small fish balls, 375-500 g, drained and halved should give you approximately 2 cups.

- 4 tbsps.50/ml butter or margarine
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 4 medium potatoes, baked, peeled and diced
- 2 cups/500 ml gefilte fish in 1-inch cubes
- 3 cups milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- Chopped parsley
- Matzoh farfel

In a 2 qt./2L casserole melt butter. Add onions and cook 4 minutes, stirring once. Add potatoes, stirring to coat with butter. Cook high power, uncovered 3 minutes. Stir then add fish, milk, salt and pepper and cook at 70% power, covered until very hot (6-8 minutes) stirring every 2 minutes. Do not allow to boil.

Garnish each serving with parsley, and pass bowl of farfel to sprinkle.

INGBER

- 1 cup honey
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ¾ tsp. ginger
- 1 cup farfel
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1½ cups (or more if needed) unsweetened coconut, divided

Combine honey and sugar in 6-cup measure or bowl (the large container is needed because the honey boils high). Cook at 50% power 9-10 minutes, until syrup darkens to brown. Stir twice, and more often if necessary to prevent boilovers.

Stir cinnamon and ginger into honey mixture. Mix in first farfel, then nuts, then 1¼ cups coconut or more if necessary until mixture is very thick.

Lightly grease a marble slab or cookie sheet. Sprinkle with 2 tbsp. coconut. Spoon candy over coconut, then wet hands with ice-water and pat into rectangle ½-inch thick. Sprinkle with remaining coconut and pat gently.

Allow to cool completely. Cover loosely with paper, and let stand for several days. Cut into small bars.

This all-year-round dessert is especially good made with leftover Passover sponge or chocolate cake. Or microwave a Passover cake mix.

FRUIT FANCY

You can make the sauce in advance, then serve a warm 'party dessert' in five minutes.

Sauce

- 1½ tbsps. potato starch — 20 ml
- 3 tbsps. sugar — 45 ml
- ½ tsp. cinnamon — 3 ml

Thorougly combine starch, sugar and spices in a 4-cup measure.

- 1 cup pineapple juice — 250 ml
- 2 tbsps. lemon juice — 30 ml
- 1 cup pineapple chunks — 250 ml

Stir a small quantity of the juice into the starch mixture until smooth. Add remaining juices and combine. Cook, high power, uncovered until clear and thickened (2-4 minutes) stirring after first and second minutes, then every 30 seconds.

Mix in pineapple chunks and allow to stand for 5 minutes, or refrigerate until just before serving time.

Fruit

- 1 medium banana quartered lengthwise, cut in 1½-inch chunks
- 1 tart apple, cored, peeled and cubed
- 3 canned peach halves (optional) drained and cubed

Heat sauce. Mix in banana, apple and peach (if using). Cook high, uncovered, just until heated through.

- 4 slices day-old sponge cake or chocolate cake

Chopped nuts to garnish

Place cake slices on plates and spoon on fruit sauce. Garnish with nuts and serve at once.

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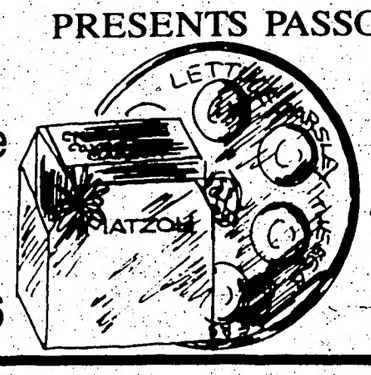

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Food

Israeli Jews, Arabs specialize in producing olive oil

By –
DAVID KRIVINE

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The gentle scene provided by the million dunams of land devoted to olive trees in Israel and the territories dates back to biblical times.

Noah's dove brought an olive leaf to show the floods had receded. The olive branch symbolizes peace to this day. The Psalmist describes "thy children like olive saplings around thy table."

Growers in the present era are both Jews and Arabs, each specializing in a different variety. Jews have developed the European type which, endowed with a low oil-content, end up as table olives. Arabs cultivate the Syrian kind. These mostly go to the presses where they are turned into olive oil.

"Mostly," because some are marketed as table olives, too (notably the "split" ones). They are not canned like most of the Jewish olives but are sold from the barrel. They fetch the highest prices, being relished by connosseurs, particularly from the Oriental communities.

The Jews for their part are not totally segregated from the oil industry. Unsold surpluses find their way to the vats, although on a smaller scale. Jewish vats number 85, as against 220 in the Arab zones.

The only marketing organization for Jewish olive oil is one run by Knesset member Rafael Eitan, which has outlets both in Israel and the U.S. Each bottle is labelled "Raful" (Eitan's nickname).

The Jewish groves cover only 35,000 dunams but are irrigated, in accordance with the Zionist tradition of intensive cultivation. They yield a ton or more per dunam. The Arab trees remain in their natural state, unwatered, and produce 150-200 kilograms per dunam. Still, 80-90% of the harvest is in Arab groves, which cover extensive areas.

The ubiquitous olive tree: Israel stands to benefit from rising world consumption of olive oil.

Olive cultivation traditionally requires a lot of labor; and the cost of labor in Europe is going up. "Spanish production is subsidized, but Spain is now a member of the Common Market whose policy is to phase out subsidies. There is already a decline in cultivation, with Italian exports dropping."

At the same time, world demand is on the rise, partly owing to cholesterol, the fashionable bogey of our times. It has been discovered, lo and behold, that olive oil does not raise a person's cholesterol count.

Apart from that, it is looked on in general as a wholesome product, provided chemicals are not used — a practice that some middlemen perpetrate in order to reduce the smell. (The odor when used in cooking is not to everybody's taste.)

Arab oil, produced in Israel and the West Bank, is mostly pure and is therefore seen as (another popular concept) a "natural" commodity, untainted by additives and correspondingly safer from the health point of view. One grower alleges that it has the power to clean kidneys.

It is also highly esteemed by gastronomes as a salad oil, a seasoning for humous, or as a flavoring agent. It is more expensive than other oils — but that gives it a snob appeal.

"World consumption is rising by 2-3% a year, and exports from Europe are dropping by 2-3% a year," said Hanan Abramov of Moshav Merhavia. "This offers Israelis their opportunity — not right now when the market is sated, but eventually."

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Right now Israeli farmers are discouraged — unlike their counterparts in the territories. Cultivation is neglected, Abramov said. The criterion for staying in production is efficiency. "If one farmer achieves 1.5 tons a dunam and another only 800 kilograms, there is no doubt which of them will survive."

The market is there provided that the farmers can pay the price, which is not easy as long as this branch of cultivation remains labor-intensive. Forward-looking farmers are attending to this. "Picking olives is hard because they stick to the branches," Abramov explained. "It requires half-a-kilo of pressure to detach each one, so a lot of workers are needed at harvest time.

"They are Arab workers, mostly from the territories, and attendance in these times is erratic. One day there is a strike, another day a curfew: interruptions which raise our production costs.

"We have discovered a spray that weakens the bond between olive and stem. We also own a machine called mena'eret, now manufactured under licence in Israel. We spray the tree, the mena'eret shakes it, and all the olives drop to the ground without the use of human hands."

Does that save a lot of money? It would were it not for the periodicity factor. "The trouble is that our outlay is the same in a good year and a bad year. The tree has to be sprayed no matter how many olives it carries. The mena'eret is inflexible; it does not know — or care — whether the trees it shakes yield two tons or half-a-ton per dunam."

In the long term, Abramov concluded, the mechanical method is appreciably cheaper for groves whose crop is above 1.25 tons a dunam.

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Penalties seen as too low

Confrontation over NY kashruth enforcement law

NEW YORK (JTA) — New York state's kashruth protection laws are tough on paper. But they are slow to be enforced, the penalties assessed are generally too low to deter the crime and violators often get off with significantly reduced fines.

That is the conclusion of investigations conducted by The New York Jewish Week and state Assemblyman Dov Hikind, following the actions of New York Attorney General Robert Abrams, who after a 5-year delay, has filed suit to collect a record $1,012,400 fine from a Brooklyn vendor of kosher products.

It is said to be the largest fraud case in the history of the state, but critics cite the belated filing as an example of the state's lack of accountability in dealing with kashrut cases.

The attorney general's office and the department of agriculture and markets, which embraces the Kosher Law Enforcement Division, are each blaming the other for the lag.

A spokesman for Abrams said that until 1986, an average of 50 kashrut violation cases were referred to his office for collection of fines.

In the last two years, the number of referrals increased to 100 cases per year.

Officials at the Division concede that the number of violations is soaring, possibly because those who flout the law are not deterred by penalties they consider relatively insignificant, they say.

Rabbi Schulem Rubin, director of the Division, has consistently pushed for higher penalties.

Last Dec. 28, he wrote to agriculture and markets commissioner Donald Butcher that "increasing of penalties will deter violations" and increase consumer confidence.

In response, Butcher raised $100 violations to $200 for first offenders, $200 to $300 and $300 violations to $400.

Rubin noted, however, that there "has been no review of penalty assessments in the last two decades."

He recommended that the $200 fine for the first non-kosher item found in a kosher establishment should be raised to $500 and that the $400 fine for each additional item be hiked to $1,000.

Suit to collect the $1 million-plus fine was filed by Abram's office Jan. 31 against Rachleff Kosher Provisions and Royal Crown Kosher Meat Products.

Both operate on Kings Highway, a major shopping area in a heavily Jewish populated section of Brooklyn. The non-kosher meat was discovered on Dec. 13, 1984.

The violations and the fact that the state was seeking an amount 10 times the total of all kosher law fines imposed in 1985 was announced in a news release issued by Gov. Mario Cuomo.

Abram's office blamed the tardiness on the department of agriculture and markets for being late in delivering the necessary documents.

Assemblyman Hikind, whose district is heavily Orthodox, says he is "outraged that the kosher consumer is being ripped off.

"Often, when a kosher consumer walks into a restaurant, he is not aware that the place has been fined repeatedly, that those fines have not been paid and that fines that were paid have been reduced 60 to 70%," Hikind said.

Hikind referred to one butcher shop that settled a $2,000 fine for $500 last year and another that paid $300 to settle a $600 fine. He offered several more examples.

Meanwhile, Rubin enumerated the most "blatant violations" that warrant the highest penalties.

They include selling kosher animals that were not ritually slaughtered; attaching kosher tags to non-kosher meat; selling soups and other products containing non-kosher ingredients; failure to soak and salt meat that is being offerd as soaked and salted; and boiling rather than broiling liver.

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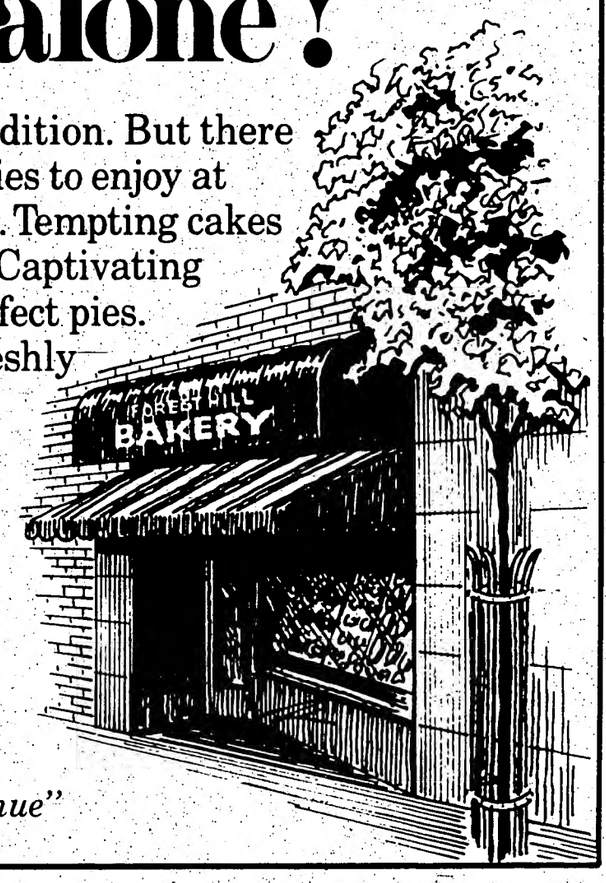

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Provides support to diabetics

CDA chapter helping Jews

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Al Green (left), president of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Diabetes Association, presents founding president Esther Schwartz a charter for the first Jewish Chapter of CDA in Canada. CDA's Toronto and District Branch president Charke Wallace and executive director Mary Buchanan look on.

TORONTO — When a person is faced with an illness that requires a complete change of diet and lifestyle, the initial reaction is one of shock.

"I felt as though the rug had been pulled out from under me seven years ago, when I was diagnosed with diabetes," says Esther Schwartz.

Although she is knowledgeable in the field of healthful cooking and has worked as a cooking teacher for more than a quarter of a century, Schwartz found that she had to learn a new way of cooking and she had to change her way of living.

"With the help of my endocrinologist and the dietician at the hospital, I was given the confidence to face a new lifestyle and the challenge of following Canada's Food Guide, said the well-known food consultant to the Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division of the Toronto Jewish Congress. "I had to adapt the (new) recipes to a kosher home and face the Jewish holidays, Shabbat, and social functions, with the restrictions that were now imposed on me."

She says that things went "relatively smoothly" until she approached her first Passover. "I discovered that there were few, if any, recipes that I could adapt for Passover and with the restrictions on carbohydrates (beans and lentils), I began looking around for help from others who faced the same dietary problems."

She found that there were no Jewish support groups to turn to so she approached the Canadian Diabetes Association's Toronto Branch. "The CDA couldn't provide me with any material but they agreed to cooperate with the Toronto Jewish Congress in planning a Passover Seminar and cooking demonstration for Jewish people with diabetes and their families."

Schwartz accepted the responsibility of organizing the first Passover seminar for Jewish diabetics. "We were overwhelmed when more than 200 people, diabetics, their families, and professionals, attended that session."

A number of people who attended the meeting asked if a Jewish support group could be formed in Toronto. Schwartz says that many people told her that they had never attended a CDA meeting or any other group because they felt that they would only be comfortable in a Jewish environment.

Following the successful Passover seminar and joined by Alan Shefman and Dorothy Zeifman, along with the support and encouragement of the CDA, Schwartz and the committee organized the first meeting of Jewish People with Diabetes in November, 1985.

With an initial group of 25 people, the new association established its goal: "To facilitate the Jewish lifestyle and observances within the dietary laws and medical framework, in conjunction with the CDA."

A program was set out to educate the community, provide service beyond a doctor's office, set up a support system through networking, and to assist with special dietary laws for Jewish diabetics.

Schwartz became the founding president and working closely with a steering committee, the group began presenting programs five times a year. Their varied topics included, a Passover education meeting, sugarless cooking for a sweet year, over the counter medication for diabetics, diabetes and sexuality, and physical and emotional stress.

Expanding their services, they set up informational displays such as various insulins and current research, insulin pen injector, blood glucose monitoring machines, kosher food displays and recipes, diabetes care products and medic alert.

To help with individual problems, Beth Duviner, a consulting nutritionist, became a resource person for the group. Duviner presents programs and calculates recipes as to the required breakdown in food groups and choices for diabetics.

In September 1987, the group, which now had more than 200 participants, received a charter from the CDA, becoming the first Jewish Chapter of CDA.

By word-of-mouth, individuals from Ottawa, Vancouver, Halifax and as far away as South America, wrote to the Jewish Chapter for information on the needs of Jewish diabetics and for guidance in forming a Jewish Chapter in their locality.

Now well versed in the area of special needs for Jewish diabetics, Schwartz contributes articles and recipes to publications such as Diabetes Dialogue, the CDA's national magazine.

In developing new services and preparing research, last year the group undertook a survey of a number of pharmacies as part of their consumer advocacy role. They compared the prices of diabetic supplies and publicized their availability in the Toronto area.

In September 1988, Jeff Rosen became the president. To expand their services, Rosen says that the organization is raising money by placing coin boxes in retail stores and through tax deductible donations made out to the CDA but earmarked for the Jewish Chapter.

Rosen encourages individuals to join the CDA, and participate in the Jewish diabetes group or to form one in your area.

"Along with learning more about diabetes, a wonderful side benefit from our chapter," says Schwartz, "has been the tremendous support system and caring we have found amongst our participants."

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Passover creates real challenge for those on low-cholesterol diets

By LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN

Ever since my husband decided to try to lower his blood cholesterol level, we have faced the challenge of having to stay within the requirements of a low-cholesterol diet as well as to prepare meals as delicious and beautiful as they were prior to his decision. Planning the menu for this year's Passover seders poses an even greater challenge.

Passover restrictions are more limiting than low-cholesterol ones. On a low-cholesterol diet, saturated fats (butter, palm or coconut oil, hydrogenated shortening, and egg yolks) are not allowed.

For Passover, all rising agents (yeast, baking powder and baking soda) are taboo. In addition, only flour prepared from matzoh, called matzoh meal, or a finer version of it called cake meal, is permitted.

Sponge cake used to be the mainstay of Passover desserts. It met all the Passover requirements because it contained no leavening and was made with cake meal. But eight days of eating sponge cake, sponge cake and more sponge cake is monotonous. For people on low-cholesterol diets, the Passover sponge cake — made with 9 or 12 whole eggs — is worse than monotonous. It is forbidden. What can a health-conscious Jewish cook do?

There are several keys to meeting the no-cholesterol requirements. The first is using egg substitute instead of whole eggs. If you cannot find Passover egg substitute in your market, make your own with egg whites and oil. Don't feel guilty about throwing away the egg yolks.

Whether you decide to adapt recipes yourself or to try some of the ones suggested below, remember, they all are high in oil, even if you use a healthy one. So serve and eat them in moderation. If you want to keep your consumption of oil under 20 or 30% of the total calories you take in, plan ahead.

Should plan ahead

At the first seder, serve one fruit dessert and one cookie. At the second, offer a different fruit dessert and a different cookie. This way, you can sample several without going overboard.

PASSOVER EGG SUBSTITUTE

2 egg whites
1 tablespoon of oil

Combine these as an equivalent of one egg.

NO-CHOLESTEROL PASSOVER BROWNIES

¼ cup low cholesterol oil
8 oz. egg substitute (equivalent to 4 eggs)
2 cups sugar
¾ cup Passover cocoa
1 cup cake meal
2 tbsps. potato starch
½ cup strong, cold coffee
½ cup coarsely chopped nuts

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the egg substitute and oil. In a small bowl, combine the sugar and cocoa. Add these to the egg/oil mixture. Beat well. Combine the cake meal and potato starch. Add them alternatively with the coffee, beating well after each addition. Finally, add the nuts.

Lightly grease a 9x13 glass baking pan. Pour in the batter. Bake at 350 degrees for about 25 minutes. Bake less for fudgier brownies and longer for more cake-like brownies. Makes 48.

NO-CHOLESTEROL PASSOVER APRICOT BARS

Pastry

1 cup low-cholesterol oil
¼ cup egg substitute
Pinch salt
1 cup sugar
2 cups cake meal
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
1 tsp. vanilla

Combine ingredients. Spread three-quarters of the dough on the bottom and sides (one inch) of a 9 x 13 glass baking pan lightly greased. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes.

Remove from the oven. While still hot, spread the filling over the crust. Crumble the remaining pastry over the top. Bake for another 30-35 minutes. Cut when cool. Makes 48.

Filling

1 (16-ounce) jar apricot jam
½ cup lemon juice
½ cup chopped nuts

Combine ingredients and spread over hot crust.

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½ cup raisins
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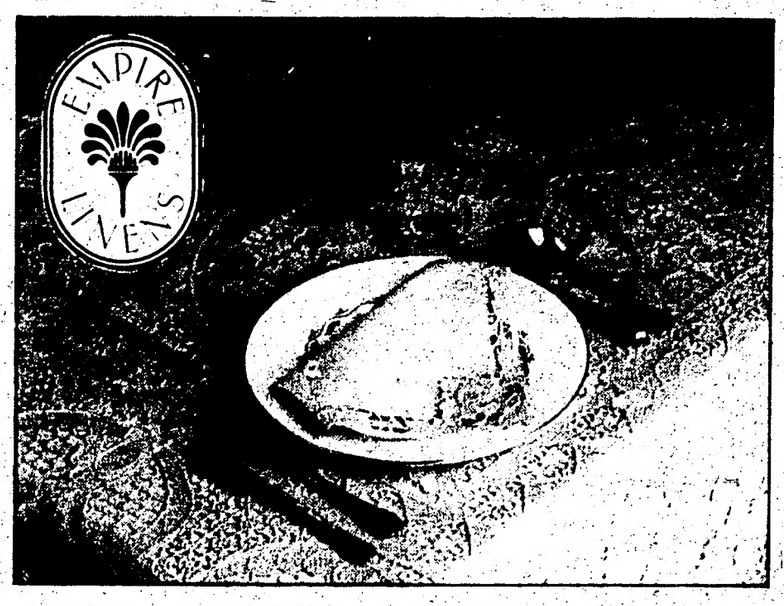
¾ cup sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup matzoh farfel
½ cup chopped nuts

Place the raisins in a small saucepan. Cover with water. Simmer until the raisins are plump and tender. Drain thoroughly. Set aside until needed.

In a large bowl, beat egg substitute with oil. In a medium bowl, combine matzoh meal, sugar, and cinnamon. Blend well. Combine with the beaten egg mixture. Add remaining ingredients.

Place rounded teaspoonsful on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 32 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Makes 36 cookies.

Passover Seder Panic?



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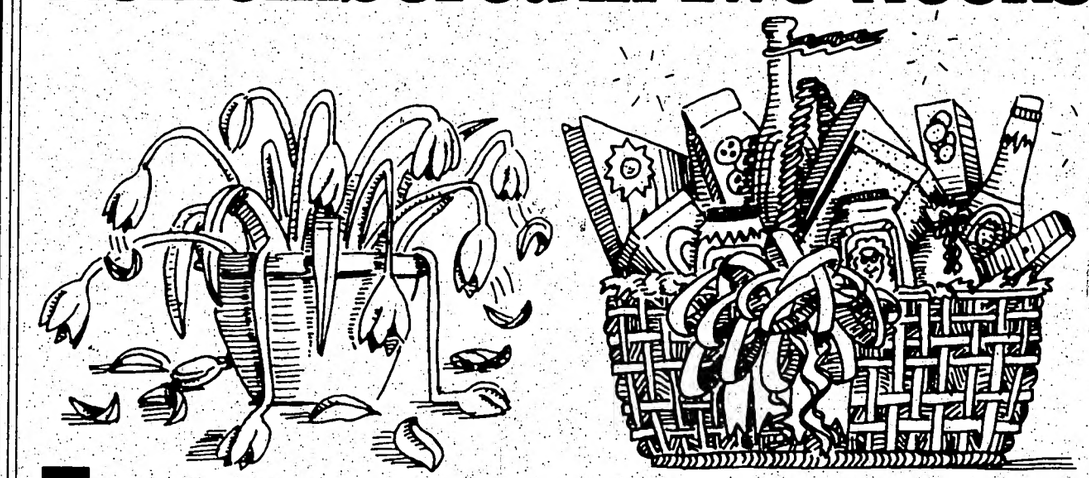

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Designed series of bookmarks

Calligrapher Maxine Blendis creates gifts for this holiday

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Looking for a creative gift for Passover? Or for all year round?

Calligrapher Maxine Blendis combines pictures, designs and calligraphy — the art of fine penmanship — to create unusual pieces of art that fill just about every gift-giving occasion throughout the year.

For Passover, the talented artist has designed a series of bookmarks with Passover paintings and symbols. She has sketched Jerusalem scenes, grapes, bulrushes, vines and Passover symbolisms surrounded by quotations from the Haggadah and other traditional Passover sayings.

And to enhance a Passover gift, Blendis has designed a Passover gift card with a wine cup superimposed on a round matzoh, surrounded by quotations from the Haggadah.

She says her most popular works are ketubot (marriage documents). They are richly decorated in a number of motifs including, medieval, Oriental, lyrical contemporary and others.

For a new baby, to commemorate the birth of a boy or girl, Blendis has designed two certificates. She prepares an original personalized handpainted document recording the birth and naming, complete with a white acrylic frame for $65.

Among her many children's pieces, she has illuminated the morning and evening prayers — Modeh Ani and Shema — and she custom designs brightly painted children's names in Hebrew or English consisting of animals, flowers and human figures.

In her unusual portfolio, she even has pieces of art for particular professions. For doctors, she has created Maimonides' Prayer, in Hebrew or English, complete with appropriate medical symbols.

One of her newest commissions is a family tree. On a cedar of Lebanon tree, she places the family names in "ctav stam" calligraphic script — the style of Hebrew script found in the Torah, complete with crowns.

Her clients select a Hebrew quotation and supply the family names, and Blendis produces a family heirloom.

The versatile artist moved to Canada from England in 1976. In 1983, her family spent a year in Israel when her husband Laurie Blendis, a hepatologist at the Toronto General Hospital, had a sabbatical year.

While in Israel, she did a lot of photography of flowers.

"Flowers inspire me — I use what I see in nature in my art work, flowers, birds, plants, trees and butterflies."

Blendis enthusiastically said: "I love the Hebrew letters. They don't look like an alphabet. They look like beautiful designs. The artistry of Hebrew letters is wonderful to incorporate into my art."

Blendis, who presents lectures on biblical and Jewish art to synagogues and study groups and is a docent (guide) at the Art Gallery of Ontario for high school students giving tours in both English and French, says her love of art goes back to her days at high school in England.

"I realized that I probably couldn't make a living at art, so I went into teaching Spanish and French. But I always kept up my interest and studies in art."

In England, she took courses in sculpture, pottery and painting. In Toronto, she studied calligraphy, drawing and water color. Now Blendis has given up her teaching career and she devotes her full time to calligraphy.

She travels extensively and she is constantly discovering new and exciting motifs. On a trip to India last year, she was "enchanted by the exquisite designs" and they can be found in many of her works.

During her visit to the Barahtpur Bird Sanctuary, just outside of Agra, she was fascinated by the beautiful birds that she saw there and they are now part of her ketubah designs and other pieces.

From a 17-year-old Iranian refugee who lived with her family for two years, Blendis commented that "he opened my eyes to the intricacy of Iranian ceramic and inlaid artifacts."

She has designed a limited edition of serigraph ketubot with a Turkish/Iranian flavor which is of particular interest to the Sephardic community.

Recently, Blendis helped in the creation of a chuppa (wedding canopy) and she prepares 1-of-a-kind centrepieces for bar and bat mitzvahs.

Her delicate and unusual designs are available at Aleph Bet Judaica, Dorion Fine Judaica, and Israel's The Judaica Centre. For more information, call Maxine Blendis at (416) 785-3448.

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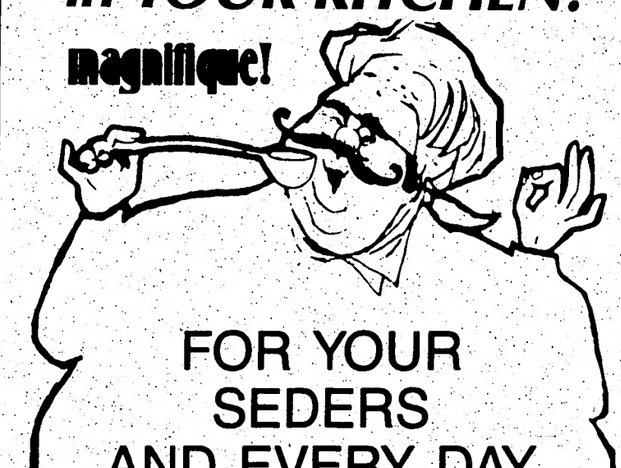

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Baycrest kitchens prepare for Pesach

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Phil Strauss is Baycrest Centre's director of food services.

The food services department at Toronto's Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care has been buzzing with activity.

For weeks, Phil Strauss, Baycrest's director of food services, has orchestrated and set in motion the machinery and manpower to convert the kitchens and facilities for the more than 30,000 nutritional kosher meals that will be prepared for Passover.

As well, more than 1,500 meals are distributed to residents in other geriatric facilities and the Baycrest kitchens prepare some 2,000 meals for Meals on Wheels, a program for seniors living in the community.

To understand the size of the operation, Strauss notes that on an average day, 13,000 pieces of silverware and 25,600 dishes are used at the centre.

The complexity of the Passover arrangements boggles the mind. Strauss is responsible for overseeing the entire Passover operation. He must be an expert in nutrition, administration, finance and even kashruth — and Strauss isn't even Jewish.

"Preparing food for geriatric patients has additional demands," he said.

Some residents and patients have problems with chewing and swallowing, therefore, the texture of the food has to be modified. Dietary health restrictions along with the requirements of kashruth place additional demands on the staff.

Preparations for Passover officially begin at Baycrest on March 20 with the cleaning of the Passover dishes which are then set aside in prepared storerooms. These are then sealed off until the Passover foods arrive.

In the first week of April, counters, shelves, drawers and beltlines are cleaned. In the dining rooms, the steam-table trucks and other serving devices are cleansed. Following carefully prepared schedules, the tables, chairs and cupboards are emptied and washed down.

The large ovens are literally disassembled, steam cleaned and vacuumed. There are replacement parts for meat grinders and other appliances that are difficult to kasher for Passover. Even the residents' rooms are checked for dishes and utensils that are not prepared for Passover.

Strauss notes that about 1,000 additional staff hours are required for the special Passover cleaning and preparations. For three days before Passover, disposable dishes are used to allow the kitchens to be converted to the Passover dishes, utensils and supplies.

Timed almost to the minute, the complex sets of orders unfold for every department and area of the centre, including the cafeteria, until the actual zero hour when the centre switches from chometz to Passover.

"If it wasn't for Nachman Wilheim, the mashgiach who monitors the entire operation on an hour-by-hour basis for the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth (COR) of the Toronto Jewish Congress — and his total commitment — I don't know how we'd get the job done, and done properly," Strauss said.

Seders are prepared for both nights, he adds, and family members and friends of the residents and patients are welcome to join the seder at a nominal fee, and special rates are set for children.

"Food is intertwined in the Jewish religion. It is not like other cultures where food and religion are much more separate — the Jewish holidays revolve around meals."

And with a smile on his face, Strauss makes sure that the holidays at Baycrest Centre, and for thousands of seniors living in the community, reflect his commitment to providing kosher l'Pesach meals that enhance the celebration of Passover.

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